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## ANOTHER GRAND JURY AT WORK

### INVESTIGATING EXPLOSIONS AT INDIANAPOLIS

McManigal Taken From Jail to  
Meet San Francisco  
Labor Leader

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—Two grand juries here to-day investigated the dynamite explosion. The federal grand jury examined witnesses in its effort to uncover persons in many states alleged to have been implicated with the McNamara's in explosions destructive to property of employers of non-union iron workers.

The county grand jury inquired into similar explosions here and at Columbus, Ind. Walter Drew, counsel for the National Erectors' Association, was called to supply information. He is said to have stated that at least eight men could be indicted here.

McManigal Meets Witness.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—E. A. Clancy, leader of the organized structural iron workers of San Francisco, summoned here to testify in the federal dynamite conspiracy investigation, was called into the private office of Special Prosecutor Oscar Lawler to-day to meet Orville E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter and accomplice of the McNamara's.

Interest in the meeting was whetted by the fact that in the published portion of his confession, McManigal declared that he was told by John J. McNamara, former secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, to come to California and meet a man named Clancy.

McManigal came to the federal building from the jail under a guard of deputy marshals and accompanied by Malcolm McLaren, a lieutenant of Detective Burns, and went directly into the office of Lawler. A moment afterward Clancy, who had been waiting in an ante-room, was summoned and he entered the special prosecutor's office with the trained nurse who accompanied him here from San Francisco. While McManigal and Clancy were in the private office, Anton Johansen, organizer of the state building trades council, appeared and was directed to wait for the summons of Lawler in the ante-room.

The failure of the federal officials at Albuquerque to intercept Attorney John B. Harrington, who was formerly connected with the McNamara defense, and for whom a federal subpoena was issued several days ago, caused the United States marshal here to send out men to search for the missing witness on the supposition that Harrington had changed his mind about going back home to Chicago.

Harrington was supposed to have left Los Angeles Monday almost coincident with the issuance of the federal subpoena. It was stated to-day that the postal authorities had been asked to reveal whether the sought-for attorney had ordered his mail address changed.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD

Arrangements Made by King  
and Queen Before Depart-  
ure for India

London, Dec. 20.—While the King and Queen are discharging imperial duties in the golden west, the work of sovereignty is proceeding at home without a hitch. The arrangements for Christmas in the royal household were made by the King and Queen with care before their departure. The distribution of coal was made as usual to the poor of the royal borough, and Queen Alexandra has taken upon herself the task, which she discharged for so many seasons, of superintending the distribution of meat and clothing to the tenantry at Sandringham.

Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of members of the royal family at Buckingham Palace and at Windsor, and no one in the royal employment will be forgotten because the King and Queen themselves are far away.

### LOCAL OPTION IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Returns received last night show that local option carried at two points and was defeated at one in Manitoba. The bylaw was passed in Louise municipality by a majority of 151 and in Roseburn by 31 majority. At Swan River, town, the local optionists lost by one vote.

### BLIZZARD IN TEXAS.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 20.—Snow-pourings were ordered out in Texas to-day. Two feet of snow is on the level along the Panhandle route of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad. Preceded by heavy rains the blizzard appeared to be travelling southeast.

## G.T.P. MUST LIVE UP TO AGREEMENT

### APPEAL TO RAILWAY COMMISSION UPHELD

Company Will Not Be Permitted  
to Change Location of the  
Hazelton Station

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—"If any private individual had done what the Grand Trunk Pacific has attempted to do in this case he would have been in the penitentiary, and rightly so. I have never known of a more deliberate attempt to deprive an individual of his rights, and I want to say so most emphatically."

"An order will be issued compelling the Grand Trunk Pacific to locate its station at the point at which it agreed, and an injunction will be issued against their carrying out of their own proposal."

This was the statement which Judge Maybee, chairman of the railway commission, made to the Grand Trunk Pacific at the conclusion of an argument in the appeal of Robert Kelly of Vancouver for the fulfillment of a contract by which the Grand Trunk Pacific agreed to locate its station near Hazelton on lot 882. After the agreement had been accepted the company proposed to change the location of the station to lot 851, and so advertised all over the continent.

After hearing the arguments set forth on behalf of Mr. Kelly, the chief commissioner set forth his views in the emphatic nature quoted above.

### PERSIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS.

New Cabinet Will Reject Russian Demand for Dismissal of Treasurer-General.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Teheran to the Lokal Anzeiger reports that the Persian ministry has resigned. It states further that it will be succeeded by an ultra-democratic cabinet, which will reject the Russian ultimatum demanding the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia.

New York, Dec. 20.—Edward Shuster, cousin of W. Morgan Shuster, treasurer-general of Persia, is in New York en route to Teheran from the Panama Canal zone. He is going to Persia to help the treasurer-general in his trouble with Russia. Mr. Shuster has been six years in the quartermaster's department in the canal zone.

### PLAN INVASION.

Organizer of Industrial Workers of the World Says Thousand Members Will Enter Bakersfield.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 20.—Bakersfield is soon to be invaded by an army of not less than 1,000 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, says their organizer here, who, together with two subordinates, was arraigned yesterday in the police court for blockading a street in the eastern section of the city the night before by delivering speeches to a crowd of about a hundred men. They demanded jury trials and the case was set for December 27. In default of bail of \$25 each, they were remanded to jail.

### VICTIM OF TRAIN WRECK.

Ortonville, Minn., Dec. 20.—Identified by the teeth, the body of the tenth victim of the wreck of the Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul railway train, the Columbian, which was struck Monday by a silk train, it became known yesterday was that of Hayes Calladin, aged 30, of Butte, Mont.

## REBELS HOLD OUT FOR REPUBLIC

### NO PEACE UNLESS DEMAND IS GRANTED

Premier's Representative at  
Conference Will Communicate  
With Yuan Shi Kai

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—The identical note from the foreign powers comprising Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Germany, France and Russia was presented by the consular corps to the representatives of the Imperial Chinese government and the revolutionaries. The consuls drove first to the residence of Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, the German consul, as dean of the consular corps, being the first official communication. Having received permission he read the note on behalf of the government of the United States came next, and read a note from the American government in precisely the same terms and the other consuls followed in order of precedence.

Tang Shao Yi's reply was in a few courteous words, expressing gratitude on behalf of the Imperial Chinese government at the interest taken in the situation by the six powers. He said he hoped the conference between two representatives of the Imperial government and the revolutionaries would be successful in restoring peace to the country.

From Tang Shao Yi's residence the

affects not only China but also the material interests and the security of foreigners in that country. The governments, while maintaining an attitude of strict neutrality, deem it worth while to point out to the two delegations the necessity of bringing the present disturbances to an end. The governments express their belief that this attitude responds to the desires of both factions."

### Funds For Revolutionists.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—A movement has been started here by the Chinese Kung Tong, the Chinese Free Masons, which has supported the uprising against the Manchus, to aid the revolutionary government by a sacrifice of personal property. The majority of the Tong are in favor of selling the property of the revolutionary association on the ground that the object of the association is now accomplished. The money thus raised, it is planned to send to the revolutionary government in China, now sorely in need of financial aid.

A dispatch was received to-day from Canton by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a local Chinese paper, stating that there had been a clash between imperial sympathizers and republicans in the waterfront of that city. The imperialists lost 20 men drowned or captured while six republicans were wounded.

### OLYMPIC RESPONSIBLE.

Decision of Admiralty Court Which Investigated Collision Between  
Liner and Cruiser.

London, Dec. 20.—The admiralty court has found that the White Star line steamship Olympic was responsible for the collision with the British cruiser Hawke near Osborne Bay, on the north side of the Isle of Wight, on September 20 last.

### IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Hon. B. F. Parson, who has been seriously ill with kidney trouble for the past ten days, has taken a turn for the worse.



CANADA'S NAVAL POLICY—AFRAID TO MEET HIS MOTHER

## TURKEY BUYS WAR MATERIAL

Large Consignment Has Been  
Shipped From Germany  
to Salonica

London, Dec. 20.—A Sofia despatch to the Times says that a special train conveying war material from Germany has passed Zeltbrieh on the Turkish-Serbian frontier on its way to Salonica. Another similar train is reported to be following. The greatest secrecy is being observed. The correspondent adds that the Turkish government has conveyed its thanks to the German Emperor, through the ambassador, for this convincing proof of German friendship.

### RICHESON WOUNDS HIMSELF.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is confined in the Charles street jail awaiting trial on the charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, cut himself with a piece of tin to-day. It is said that the wound was inflicted in the groin and that his condition is not serious. It is said that the act was not suicidal.

## TWO WOUNDED BY STRIKE BREAKERS

Man, Attacked by Striking  
Railway Employees; Shoots  
Assailants

Brandon, Man., Dec. 20.—Arthur Ellsford, a grand trunk striker, was fatally shot and John Gibbons, another striker, was also slightly wounded at Rivers, Manitoba, this morning. The shooting was done by a strikebreaker, Alfred Thomas, from Toronto, who is alleged to have shot in self-defence when attacked by strikers on his way to work. Both wounded men are in the hospital here.

### TWO MINERS KILLED.

Virginia City, Nev., Dec. 20.—A rush of air from a cave-in of surface workings in a mine here caused L. Morris Quinn and James Ferrera, working in the 100-foot level, to be thrown against the shaft's timbers with such violence that they were killed.

### TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

St. Peter, N. B., Dec. 20.—At Lower Lardiose this morning a boy and girl of James Birrell, aged eleven and thirteen years respectively, while on their way to school fell through the ice that thickly covered a pond and were drowned.

## GRAIN BLOCKADE IN WESTERN CANADA

Winnipeg Board of Trade Calls  
for Investigation Into  
Situation

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Winnipeg board of trade yesterday wound up the investigation it has been pursuing into the problem of grain prices by petitioning the Dominion government, setting out that the cement merger and high import duties, combined with excessive freight rates, were the cause of increased prices which had become a burden on the people of the west and asking that the government institute an investigation with a view to lowering or completely doing away with the duty.

Further activities of the board were embraced in a letter to the board of railway commissioners asking for an immediate investigation of the deplorable conditions existing in the west owing to traffic congestion and for prompt measures to relieve the situation. It was pointed out that many farmers, owing to the blockade, were unable to obtain further credit for the bare necessities of life from country merchants, while actually their grain was depreciating in quality owing to the lack of cars.

In connection with unequal freight rates, the railway commissioners were informed that what the people of Western Canada required was federal legislation making it illegal to charge

## SOLDIERS NOW ON DUTY AT DUNDEE

Called Out Owing to Strike  
Riots—Threatened Lock-  
out in Lancashire

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 20.—The arrival of troops requisitioned by the Lord Provost here to repress the disturbances caused by the striking dockers and carters of the port, has had a salutary effect on the disorderly element. Twenty thousand workers are idle and business is almost paralyzed.

Lockout Probable.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—A lockout affecting 100,000 cotton operatives is threatened on Christmas Day.

The trouble between the employers and workmen has arisen over the question of the employment of non-unionists.

The weavers employed in one of the mills at Accrington intend to strike to-night unless two non-union workmen employed there consent to join the union. The employers threaten to retaliate by a general lockout.

## ELECTRIC RAILWAY EMPLOYEE FINED

Motorman Exceeded Speed  
Limit When Passing Car  
Discharging Passengers

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The second prosecution under the tramway's inspection act was conducted in the police court yesterday by W. E. Burns, acting for the attorney-general's department. The defendant was a B. C. E. R. motorman named Coombs and the charge was that he had failed to bring down the speed of his car to the rate of two miles an hour while passing another car that was discharging passengers.

Mr. Burns stated that the action arose out of an inquest on the death of a man killed on October 14. This man had alighted from a Grandview car and was passing at the rear of it, when he was struck by a New Westminster interurban car travelling in the opposite direction. Witnesses had sworn that the car was not going less than five miles an hour.

The motorman, on the other hand, said he had received letters commending his work on other occasions, and considered that the prosecution was quite uncalled for.

Magistrate Shaw said, however, that he must take cognizance of the plea of guilty and imposed a fine of \$15.

### SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Riviere du Loup, Que., Dec. 20.—Jules Flourde, murderer of Louis Dion, of Honore, was to-day sentenced to be hanged on March 8. His brother Ovide, who gave him the cartridge, got ten years in the penitentiary.

### ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—An indictment containing thirteen counts charging Mrs. Louise Vermilyea with having murdered Policeman Arthur Benson, ette by poisoning him, was returned by a grand jury yesterday. She was ordered held without bail.

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FINE CALIFORNIA TABLE RAISINS, lb., 15¢  
FINEST MALAGA TABLE RAISINS, lb., 35¢, 25¢  
NEW HOLLOWI DATES, 1-lb. packet. 10¢  
FRENCH PEAS, the same brand that gave such great satisfaction last Christmas. Per can. 10¢  
FINE CELERY, per head 10¢  
FINEST SHELLED ALMONDS, per lb. 40¢  
NEW ZEALAND JAM, a large shipment just to hand; 4-lb. tin 50¢  
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, Bells, Tinsels, Candlesticks, etc., etc. 15¢  
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SILK-LINED GLOVES  
DOGSKIN GLOVES, silk-lined, per pair \$2.00 and \$1.50  
TAN AND GREY MOCHA GLOVES, silk-lined, per pair \$2.25, \$2.00 and \$1.25  
WOOL-LINED GLOVES  
TAN MOCHA GLOVES, per pair \$2 and \$1.25  
TAN CAPE GLOVES, per pair \$2.50 and \$1.00  
MISCELLANEOUS GLOVES  
HEAVY UNDRERESSED FUR-LINED GLOVES, with wrist straps, per pair \$4.00  
SILK KNITTED GLOVES, in grey only, per pair \$2.75  
TAN AND BLACK UNLINED GAUNTLET GLOVES, per pair \$3.25 and \$2.75  
MOTOR GAUNTLETS, lined, in tan and black, per pair \$3.50  
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## REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN MEXICO

Reported to Be Making Headway in Northern Section of Republic

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—A revolution in Mexico, whether identified with the ambitions of Gen. Bernardo Reyes or not, seems to be making some headway. State department advisers not only report a belief that General Reyes himself was operating in Northern Mexico, but directed scattered activity in the northern states of Nuevo Leon and Chihuahua, while in Tamaulipas, the state opposite Southeastern Texas, the Mexican government is endeavoring to ward off a general strike of laboring classes. Dispatches received indicate activity in other parts, also in Mexico City of a conspiracy to assassinate President Madero. While the revolutionary movement presents an organized aspect only in the north, the south is reported to be in a state of unrest also.

Declares Letter a Forgery.  
Mexico City, Dec. 20.—A letter dated San Antonio and signed "Green," taken from General Higuera Aguilera, who was arrested here on a charge of being a conspirator in the interest of General Reyes, states that the revolutionists had sent into Mexico several million pounds' worth of armament, and that bands of Relyestars are ready in every important city for an uprising December 12. The plan was frustrated by the continued observation of the leaders in Texas. General Aguilera declares the letter is a forgery. He is said to be an important personage in revolutionary circles.

### EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Reports from all parts of the west received here by the health department show that an epidemic of smallpox exists at widely separated points in Saskatchewan. There are hundreds of cases. A hotel at Kerrobert with 30 guests is quarantined. It is especially violent at this time of the year, and the city authorities are watching incoming trains closely and inspecting all hotels and boarding houses daily. Some cases have been reported from British Columbia points.

### CASE DISMISSED.

Stevenson, Dec. 20.—The hearing of the case of Samuel Abercrombie, charged with the murder of his wife, separated to a sudden termination yesterday, when Magistrate Faulkner dismissed the case on the ground that there was nothing in the medical evidence submitted by the crown to justify his commitment for trial on the charge against him. Mrs. Jane Abercrombie was found dead in bed at her home on November 18.

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## MEDICAL MEN ARE UP IN ARMS

### DENOUNCE NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME

Doctors Determined to Hold Out Until Their Demands Are Granted

London, Dec. 20.—A mass meeting of 2,000 doctors, from all parts of the United Kingdom, held yesterday in Queen's hall, struck against Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George's insurance scheme.

Sir Victor Horsley, member of the council of the British Medical Association, which the doctors charge with sacrificing their interests to the blandishments of Lloyd George, was roundly hissed. He was denounced as a traitor when he tried to defend the action of the council of the British Medical Association in promising Lloyd George that the doctors of the United Kingdom would do their share towards the success of his measure. The meeting passed a resolution to boycott vigorously the chancellor's scheme and not to treat the poor under its provisions until the demands of the medical profession were granted.

## STORY OF BRITISH PLOT IS DENIED

German Navy Department Declares Report is Pure Invention

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The navy department has issued a formal denial of the alleged discovery of a British plot to blow up the naval harbor at Wilhelmshaven, published in the Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette. The officials of the department say the story is a pure invention, based on the fact that two policemen and one man connected with the navy were recently arrested on a strong suspicion of having been concerned in espionage.

They attempted to copy an important secret book and sell it to a foreign power.

## CONGRESS DECIDES TO ABROGATE TREATY

Ratifies Notice Served on Russia by President Taft

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The senate by a unanimous vote last night formally ratified President Taft's notification to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1932.

The Lodge joint resolution reported by the foreign relations committee as a substitute of the Sulzer resolution that passed the House 300 to 1, was adopted after an all-day debate over Russian discrimination against the Jews of America.

The resolution was adopted at 7.19 p. m. It was introduced for the committee by Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts and was the most satisfactory to the Washington administration which sought to avoid giving offence to the Russian government. The final action came after two substitutes had been voted down. In the general discussion there were many citations of historical instances of treaty terminations by executive act.

The house of representatives to-day agreed to the senate resolution abrogating the Russian treaty of 1932. While congress is severing certain relations with Russia, the state department and the White House are working vigorously to push negotiations looking to the drawing up of a new understanding. That this is a delicate task is acknowledged.

The heat of feeling thus far marks the negotiations, but the difficulties, while not insurmountable, are great. This is especially because of this government's ban on the entrance into the United States of the Oriental races. Both the senate committee on foreign relations and the foreign affairs committee of the House to-day indicated their entire willingness to assist in advancing the overtures in every way in their power. The stake is a commercial interchange between the countries running into the millions of dollars annually, with the balance all in favor of the United States. The one great drawback to prompt readjustment is it is acknowledged, will be the endeavor of both political parties, on the eve of a presidential campaign, to seek political aggrandizement in the existing understanding.

### NORTHWEST EXHIBIT.

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—The executive committee of the Northwest Development League yesterday decided to place a permanent exhibit of the products of the northwest in the new chamber of commerce building here at a cost of \$70,000. This arrangement means that Wm. A. Campbell, secretary of the league, will remain in St. Paul and that the headquarters of the league will be in this city.

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Sandeman & Buck Old Sherry, per bottle \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, and \$0.75  
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### CARNIVAL OF CRIME.

Burglaries and Holdups At Portland.—Patrolman Stabbed by Prisoner.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—A regular carnival of crime, culminating in a serious stabbing of C. C. Klinget, a police patrolman on leave of absence at 1 o'clock this morning, prevails in this city.

Aside from the affray in which Klinget was hurt there were three burglaries and two holdups reported up to midnight. Klinget, on entering his lodging house, found two men and a woman quarrelling. He took the man by the arm and at the nearest patrol box rang in for help. Before it arrived, Klinget's prisoners undertook to make their escape, but the policeman kept his hold until one of the men stabbed him seriously in the side. Almost simultaneously a policeman arrived and subdued the pair, who, on their arrival at police headquarters gave the names of C. W. Williams and Edwin Auburn.

The burglars and highwaymen got small reward for the night's campaign. The principal loss was \$17 in money, secured from one of the victims of a holdup. None of the robbers were caught.

### NICARAGUA HAS REVOLT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Nicaragua appears to be launched on a new period of revolutionary activity, according to advices reaching the state department. Julian Arias and Rodolph Spinosa, who held official positions in the former administration, are said to be heading the movement against the present regime. Several rapid fire guns which left New Orleans billed for Nicaragua are now believed to have been destined for the insurgents.

### TROOPS SURROUND MOROS.

Manila, Dec. 20.—A battle is imminent in the island of Jolo between six hundred Moros and a force of American troops. The Moros, who are defying the ultimatum issued by Brigadier-General John J. Pershing ordering the disarmament of the natives, retired to the top of a peak named Bud Dajo, where they have fortified themselves. They are surrounded by infantry and artillery and a fight is likely to begin at any moment.

### SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—Peter Minch, a printer, 48 years old, whose parents live in Detroit, Mich. was found dead at his home yesterday, having shot himself with a revolver. Minch was a widower.

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### OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR COMING YEAR

A. D. McRae Says New Record Will Be Set for Prosperity in Canada

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—"Unless all signs fail, 1912 will establish a new record in national prosperity throughout the Dominion. I was much impressed with the optimistic sentiment prevailing among all classes of business men in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. There is not a cloud on the financial horizon," was a portion of the encouraging message brought back to Vancouver by A. D. McRae, who has just returned from a month's trip to Eastern Canada.

Mr. McRae is the executive head of and financially interested in many important British Columbia industrial enterprises, including the Canadian Western Lumber Company, the Dunsmuir collieries, whaling and fishing interests in association with Sir William Mackenzie, Sir Donald Mann, and Col. A. D. Davidson, and representing investments exceeding \$20,000,000. He and Colonel Davidson, until a few weeks ago, were busy closing the important deals in connection with the acquisition of property in the heart of Montreal for the proposed new terminals of the Canadian Northern railway, and 6,000 acres of land, north of Mount Royal, to be platted as a suburban townsite. Improvements will be started early next spring and include the driving of a tunnel two and one-half miles long underneath Mount Royal.

This year's crop after experiencing more vicissitudes than any crop in the history of the prairie provinces, is turning out all right and will net the farmers more cash than they ever received in the past. The entire wheat crop of Manitoba has been threshed and the remaining 25 per cent of the crop in Saskatchewan and Alberta still unthreshed, will soon be in the elevators. The grain movement to date is far in excess of that of last year and daily receipts lately are three times the figures for the corresponding period of last year. There is more moisture in the ground this winter than has ever been observed before, and this to the experts means an abundant harvest next summer.

My address are that there will be more building construction from one end of the country to the other than ever before and will establish a new record. This means an increased demand for lumber and an improvement in the British Columbia lumber industry. Our Fraser river mills plant during the past year sold approximately 115,000,000 feet of lumber or 10 per cent in excess of our cut. That in itself is not a bad sign. All the bankers and financial men I met in the east are equally convinced that we are on the threshold of a banner year of general prosperity and expansion.

"The Canadian Northern has acquired terminals in the heart of up-town Montreal within two blocks of the C. P. R. depot and the Windsor hotel, as well as the right to drive a double-track railway tunnel under Mount Royal, north of which we have purchased 6,000 acres of farm lands to be converted into a suburban townsite. All incoming and outgoing trains will traverse the tunnel which will be electrified. The tube will be the means of enabling city people to get out to the proposed townsite in less than seven minutes, as compared with a 30-minute ride from the east end depot. Mr. Todd, the landscape architect, who laid out Shaughnessy Heights and Port Mann, will also perform a similar task in the new suburban townsite of the Canadian Northern. He is going abroad shortly to see if he can get any new ideas from European colleagues."

#### DIVORCE RING.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A new fad in the Chicago divorce colony has been started by Mrs. Marina Delgado Parke, divorced wife of the secretary of the board of supervising traction engineers. She explained to friends the significance of a plain gold band ring on her little finger.

"Why, that's a divorce ring," she said. "I invented it, and now quite a few women are wearing rings like it. Pretty soon everybody will know that a plain ring on the right little finger means its wearer is divorced, and the plan of indicating a person's matrimonial status in this way will come into general use. It's so economical, too. The divorced woman can have her wedding ring cut down to fit the little finger. The divorce ring will save a lot of embarrassment. New acquaintances will not inquire about your husband, and old friends who have not heard of your divorce will not embarrass themselves with awkward questions."

#### MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—The judiciary committee of the city council has approved for submission a proposed charter amendment authorizing the publishing and circulating of a municipal newspaper in which all legal news pertaining to the city should be printed. Spokane has a municipal paper, published weekly, and Los Angeles recently decided to establish such a paper.

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### BADEN-POWELL TO TOUR THE STATES

Will Review Boy Scouts—Seattle to Invite General to Coast

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell will come to Seattle to review this city's Boy Scouts' efforts made to that end by the King county council of the organization are successful. General Baden-Powell proposes to spend from February 11 to March 13 in a tour of the principal cities of the United States, during which he will review hundreds of thousands of scouts. He will be accompanied by James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, who will begin a tour to review hundreds of thousands of scouts through the country. He will do several important things. He will confer with the leaders, giving them the benefit of his years of experience in handling them; he will address parents, telling them the aims of the scout movement and what it can accomplish; he will talk to the boys face to face and watch their drills.

In connection with General Baden-Powell's visit, the second annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be held in New York city on February 9 and 10. The members of the National Council will gather for a discussion of the future plans of the scout movement. At the same time there will be meetings of scout commissioners representing the different local councils and also of scout masters who have direct charge of the boys. On February 9 there will be a banquet and reception to General Baden-Powell.

On Saturday, February 10, more than 5,000 Boy Scouts will gather in New York to give a demonstration of scout activities in the presence of General Baden-Powell and the leaders of the scout movement. On the same evening the general will give an illustrated lecture on "Scouting in Peace and War." Ernest Thompson Seton, chief scout, and "Dart" Carter, head, national scout commissioner, will take an im-

### UNION EMPLOYEES BEFORE GRAND JURY

Trying to Trace Movement of Men Responsible for Explosions

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—The intention of the government to find out who, if anybody, aided the McNamara's in their explosions before the E. McManigal appeared on the scene as a regularly employed dynamiter, was evident yesterday when more employees of the Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers were called before the federal grand jury. McManigal, according to his confession, did not go into the dynamiting business for J. J. McNamara until July, 1907, but more than a dozen explosions, all directed against structures erected by firms employing non-union men, took place in the two years previous to that time. McNamara's employees, including Miss Katherine Gallagher and Louise Meyers, stenographers, armed with records dating back to 1905, were before the investigators. Their presence was in connection with the tracing of the movements of those whose identities have not yet been made public.

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warrant for \$5,000 was drawn yesterday in favor of William J. Burha. This is the first of the rewards to be paid for the capture and conviction of the McNamara. The county, according to District Attorney Fredericks, will pay no other rewards.

The \$10,000 reward offered by the city council is tied up by a counter-claim laid to it by Samuel Browne, an attaché of Fredericks' staff, who alleges in a letter to Mayor Alexander that while Burns captured the men, it was his work in gathering evidence which resulted in bringing about their pleas of guilty.

#### SIX INJURED IN WRECK.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 20.—Six men were injured and two locomotives smashed when the westbound Oriental Limited crashed head-on into No. 44, eastbound, at Odessa, 75 miles west of Spokane, yesterday. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch.

The injured: Engineer Rogers, Oriental Limited, broken ankle; Fireman Bryan, Oriental Limited, right foot cut and body bruised; Fireman Kysart, No. 44, right foot smashed and body bruised; Express Messenger Dyson, No. 44, slightly injured about back and head; Philip Lang, helper on Oriental Limited mail car, lame back; bruised about body and cut; James P. Harper, regular mail clerk Oriental Limited, arm cut and bruised leg and shoulder. Harper, Lang and Dyson reside in Spokane, and Kysart, Bryan and Rogers in Hilliard. The Oriental Limited was pulling out of Odessa when the collision occurred. The eastbound train was running about 25 miles an hour, and was slow-

ing down rapidly, which accounts for the few injured. The Oriental Limited had just got steam up and had moved less than 50 yards.

#### PLANS LONG VOYAGE.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mrs. William B. Leeds, society leader, who is en route to England, will spend the early part of the year 1912 on one of the longest yachting trips ever undertaken by a woman. Soon after January 1 she will start for India on board Anthony J. Drexel's yacht, the Margarita, which she has chartered. Her guests will include the Duchess of Manchester and Lady Sarah Wilson, an aunt of the Duke of Marlborough. From India the party will proceed to Japan, and thence to San Francisco and New York.

#### QUIT WORK FOR FUNERALS.

Melbourne, Dec. 20.—The miners' union of the Broken Hill silver field have adopted a way in which to mourn the death of a brother that is not approved by the mine owners. The union adopted a resolution, at the instigation of the Socialist members, that in the event of death of a member, all the men shall cease work on the day of the funeral. If the obsequies fall upon a Sunday then the men stop work on Monday.

During the year there have been 23 fatalities in the field, which means a number, that in the event of death of a member, all the men shall cease work on the day of the funeral. If the obsequies fall upon a Sunday then the men stop work on Monday.



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### M'BRIE RAILWAY POLICY.

The Times in two previous articles dealt with the action of the government in placing in error vast tracts of public land to be administered by the Canadian Northern railway with a two-third ownership in the lands. It dealt partially also with the liabilities inhering in the guaranteeing of principal and interest on the bonds of the road. There is, unfortunately, more to be said in this last respect.

The Act of Incorporation by which the company holds its charter rights in the province, gives the company power to do almost any conceivable kind of business that may be carried on in a country rich with resources and awaiting only the advent of capital for its development. Even the powers designate as a railway corporation are unusually broad and comprehensive, but beyond all these section 11 of the Act gives the following powers:

"The company shall have power to promote any other company or corporation or association of persons for any purposes which may seem, directly or indirectly, calculated to benefit the company, and for that purpose to obtain any Act of Parliament which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings for applications which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to prejudice the company's interests."

The more this clause is analyzed the more its monstrous iniquity appears. It will bear repeated perusal, and if after repeated perusal the peruser is not convinced that it legislated into the hands of the company a monopoly of any business in which the company chooses to engage, we do not understand the meaning of the English language. Even the authority of the legislature may be defied in any competent court of jurisdiction, for in the clause quoted is this stipulation:

"The company shall have power to obtain any Act of Parliament which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated to prejudice the company's interests."

Under the Act of Incorporation the company may purchase and operate coal mines, whaling stations, lighting and power plants, powder factories, irrigation works, or anything else, and all upon the capital authorized by the province, and upon which the interest to the extent of \$101,000 per mile is guaranteed. This means that the speculative industrial operations of the company may be used for any purpose without any guarantee as to their relation to the capital stock or earning power of the 600 miles of railway. There is absolutely no provision in either Act of Incorporation or the Agreement by which the earnings, profits or losses of industries or speculations, apart from the railway, can be taken into account in computing the earnings of the province for the interest on the stock of the company.

Tersely figured out, it results as follows: The company may issue \$25,000,000 of capital stock and \$25,000,000 of mileage stock at \$50,000 per mile. This makes a total of \$50,000,000 of stock which may be sold and the whole of the money invested in any undertaking the company may—by its Board of Directors—decide. Interest on this whole amount must be paid out of the profits of these subsidiary or substitutionary industries or speculations before one dollar of the money need be applied to payment of interest on account of the railway lines. This the province has guaranteed to the extent of \$25,000 per mile. This interest at 4 per cent. per annum—the amount authorized in the agreement—reaches the sublime total of \$80,000 per annum for which the province is liable, and which it will unquestionably be required to pay. It is also liable for the principal on the same amount per mile, for which it holds no security until the possible debts of the company are paid,

and then only the security of an assignee. How the debts of the company would be computed and how much of the liabilities of the subsidiary or association companies would have to be taken into account is not stated in the agreement. It may be safely assumed that the whole indebtedness of the entire corollary of co-related companies would come in for equitable shares in the guarantee. This would mean that the province would have to make good to the full extent of the \$35,000 per mile, or \$21,000,000.

The Times does not pretend that all these facts and figures are new to the public or are its latest discovery. Extended reference was made to the loophole and jug-handled character of the whole bargain with the Canadian Northern company at the time the Acts were under discussion in the legislature. But the arrangement of the liabilities of the province, the absolute mastery of the company, and the complete and conspicuous absence of any safeguards to the public interest, call for a fresh consideration by the people. It is idle for the premier to pretend that the country is safeguarded by the established character of the incorporated company. The government is in power to legislate for the protection of the people and not to entrust their public domain and their public treasury to the reputed honor of a corporation. The fact that the corporation drafted the Acts and that the government assented to them is proof of one of two things. It means either that the government is utterly callous and indifferent to the public interest or that the lawyers in charge of legislative affairs are incompetent and incapable of properly interpreting their own legislative acts.

The Times will continue to analyze the agreement from the standpoint of its effect upon what may be termed the minor interests.

### CANADA'S NAVY.

Scarcely a week passes without the Nationalist element in the Borden cabinet flaunting in the face of the loyal imperialists of Canada the fact of their absolute dominance in the councils of the government. That a naval project is more dead than reciprocity is now blatantly announced by Henri Bourassa in his paper Le Devoir. Here is what he says:

"The government has no intention of giving attention to the naval question in the course of the next few months. If it does so at all, it will be after the summer holidays and when we meet again in November we may be better informed; but even that is not certain. The House will not discuss a new project of law in that regard until we shall have had new general elections."

And in addition we have the announcement by Hon. L. P. Pelletier at Quebec that there is to be no plebiscite because all the ministers are agreed upon the abandonment of the Laurier naval policy.

It is only a month since the Colonist assured its readers that the Borden naval policy would far eclipse the Laurier plans and that the only reason for abandoning the latter was that a more vigorous policy might be adopted. As a "buffer" the Colonist deserves a place in the constellation of stars of the first magnitude. "A bas la marine!"

The secret that has assuredly gone forth and the government organs are commencing the campaign against a Canadian navy in exactly the way the Times predicted six weeks ago. That ultra-Borden organ, the Toronto News, discussing the navy question, says: "The task of working out a satisfactory line of action is a difficult one. It is hard to know just what to do and how to spend our money to get the greatest results for Canada and the Empire. While we are working out a permanent policy, Parliament, if danger threatens, may find it advisable, after the Government has consulted with the Admiralty, to make an emergency contribution to the Imperial Treasury. In this way it would do its part towards meeting any European crisis, and then have time to decide without precipitancy upon the larger question of a long-period defence policy." Hurrah for Premier Bourassa and the Orangemen!

There should be relief in England over the announcement that the railway companies and their employees have reached an understanding that will avoid the renewal of the strike of last summer. The commission which enquired into the cause of the last dispute made a report which evidently had a sobering effect on some who were inclined to be disturbers, says the Montreal Star. It declared plainly that with their great responsibilities the companies could not and should not be expected to permit any interference by their men on the subjects of discipline and management. This was accepted everywhere as declaring a principle which had to be recognized; and it has been recognized. What remained to be decided had to do with hours of labor and with pay; and if concessions to the men in regard to these require that the public must pay more for the services it receives the public must bear the consequences as it bears others arising

from the change in labor and commercial conditions.

The Manchester Guardian says it comes as a shock to British Conservatives that Mr. Borden means to drop the naval policy of his predecessors without in the meantime substituting anything for it. The London Advertiser predicts that the British Conservatives will receive another shock if they attain office and try to negotiate a preferential trade agreement with the Canadian government. They will find that the most blatant imperialism in this country does not express itself in deeds.

The officials of Toronto have reported that it is not in the interest of the city to annex an additional area of some seven square miles. One of their reasons is that within its present limits there is room in Toronto for some 175,000 more people than it contains, and that, judging by the past, it will take more than six years to show such an increase. Civic officials are likely to be counted slow and unprogressive by land boomers. They may in such matters, however, be good advisers to the taxpayers.—Montreal Gazette.

The Illinois Equal Rights Association has issued a pamphlet in which a list of the world's twenty greatest women appears. It develops in the brief biographies attached to the names that only twelve out of these twenty were born and claimed citizenship in the United States. The remaining eight are sizeable women who were accidentally born in several of the other countries of the world. The name of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst does not yet appear.

The Montreal Star said a week ago that there were three thousand four hundred and seventy-two applicants for Canadian government jobs that are not vacant. The number has doubtless doubled by this date. Will the boss in Victoria of the jobs that are not vacant kindly give the public a hint as to the number of applications he has forwarded to his energetic representative, now said to be sojourning in the salubrious winter climate of Florida.

The famous cement merger, founded in Canada by Sir Max Aitkin may yet be investigated with resulting disclosures that will enlighten the public. The Bank of Montreal has commenced action to recover on several promissory notes said to have been involved in the deal. Many interested parties are hoping that the probe of court procedure will show how Max Aitkin got the money with which to produce a knight.

In its article yesterday on the McBridge Railway Policy the Times was in error in stating that the government was covenanted to convey 1,250 acres for each township that may be chosen by the Canadian Northern company. The area to be granted for townsites—other than divisionals—is 640 acres without stint as to number. The divisional sites shall be 1,250 acres.

A Yorkshire paper calls attention to the invention of a new process for printing textile fabric and wall papers. The design is photographically reproduced, with the aid of a special screen, on a sheet of transparent celluloid. The inventor has, it is stated, succeeded in reproducing photographs on textile fabrics which look much like ordinary photographic prints.

How does the government of Hon. Richard McBridge get over the fact that the Canadian Northern Railway Company is selling its stock in Great Britain advertised as "unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and as to interest by the government of the province of British Columbia?"

It is now the stern duty of the Colonist to ask—and answer—the question, "What does Canada want with a navy anyway?" To the task brave mousquetaire.

### SAM WILL SOLVE IT.

Never mind. If Mr. Monk will not let Mr. Borden build a navy, Col. Sam Hughes will fix that. He is getting plans made for air ships, and when Britain's day of trouble comes Canada will fly to the rescue.—Toronto Star.

### GOOD NEWS.

Sepper (oh his return from school)—We've got such a fine stupid boy in the class now, father. I'm not at the bottom any longer.—Ellegende-Blatter.

### HIS REASON.

Bushybody—Why don't you come away from that wall, my man? You've been leaning there all the morning.  
Lester—Sorry, but I haven't leave it now, mum. I should catch a cold in me back.—Watch Dog.

### AT BEDTIME.

Little Girl—What'd you get for Christmas?  
Little Boy—A lot of toys, an engine, whole lots of candy, nuts an' cake, an' a dose of castor oil.—Judge.

### WHAT REALLY OCCURRED.

"Well, I declare," said Lot, as he realized that his wife had been turned into a pillar of salt. "That's a strange phenomenon. I always thought the old lady was largely paper."  
Whereupon he dug a salt-cellar and laid her gently away therein, before moving on.—Harper's Weekly.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

—McClary's famous stoves and ranges. Clarke & Pearson, 1312 Wharf, near Johnson.

Dr. Spencer Continues.—By request of the executive committee, Rev. Dr. Spencer continues as superintendent of the local option movement until February, when the annual convention will be held at which important questions will be discussed and decided.

"Tom and Jerry," at the Bismark.

Dug Up Skulls.—While excavating for the new Craigflower School yesterday, George A. Ross, contractor, dug up some interesting relics of the past in the shape of five skulls and three spear heads. The skulls are plainly those of Indians, who, doubtless were buried with their personal effects, which included the spear heads.

Hanna & Thompson, Pandora Ave.—Leading Funeral furnishing house. Connections, Vancouver, New Westminster and Winnipeg.

Labor Convention.—The date of the second annual convention of the B. C. Provincial Federation of Labor has been fixed for Monday, January 22, in labor hall. The executive board will convene in Victoria on Friday, January 19, for the purpose of preparing reports, appointing committees and arranging an agenda for the convention.

Christmas Presents.—Buy your Christmas boxes for men, women or children at C. C. Russell's, 1294 Douglas street. Prices to suit all.

Real Estate Exchange Luncheon.—The Victoria real estate exchange will give a luncheon at the Alexandra Club on Friday at 1 o'clock. Among those who will be present are Premier McBride and the local representatives in the legislature, Mayor Morley and members of the city council, and members of the board of trade. A feature of the gathering will be an address on "Harbor Improvements," by Chas. H. Lugin.

"Tom and Jerry," at the Bismark.

Service of Praise.—Next Sunday evening a Christmas service of praise will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be given by the choir. Stilos will be sung by the following: Mrs. A. A. Codd, Mrs. J. A. Longfield, Miss L. Blackway, Messrs. J. O. Dunford, A. A. Codd and W. Melville. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will deliver an appropriate address. Previous to this service a short organ recital will be given, commencing at 7:15.

Xmas Photos.—Have them in "Sepia"—your Xmas photographs—and of course, taken at the Skeena and Lowe Studio, corner Douglas and Yates streets. Do it now and half your Xmas worries will be over.

Enjoyable Entertainment.—A delightful social evening was spent by the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. and the gentlemen of the Y. M. C. A. on Monday, when the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church held a reception in the lecture room of the church for these two organizations. Charades and games formed the evening's amusements, and music was provided by the Sunday School orchestra and Mrs. Jesse Longfield, who sang in a delightful manner. Miss Grant also contributed to the program by recitations. Refreshments were served, and the evening was voted a great social success.

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**TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS.**

Empress Theatre—Vaudeville.

Romano, Majestic and Crystal Theatres—Moving Pictures.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst's address in Victoria Theatre.

Semi-monthly meeting of Trades and Labor Council, in Labor hall.

Rev. A. Wulher will deliver a lecture in the First Presbyterian schoolroom this evening, his subject being "Around the Mediterranean and Through the British Isles." Among the countries to be described are—Palestine, Egypt and Italy. No admission fee will be charged.

**RAILWAY ACCEPTS.**

**E. & N. Company Agrees to Guarantee Double Daily Mail Service.**

The running of a double daily mail service the year round between here and Nanaimo has been a matter which has exercised the merchants all along the E. & N. for many years. In the afternoon mail, which was what is known as a baggage-car mail, handled by the baggage-men, inability to handle the mail in this way in the winter was alleged as the cause.

Last March the then postmaster-general, through his deputy, offered to put a mail clerk on the afternoon train if the company would undertake to give a double daily train service all the year round and not in the summer only. The railway authorities would not agree to do and the matter was hung up by their unwillingness. At last, however, they have come down and agreed to do what Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, on the representations of Hon. William Templeman and Ralph Smith, sought to have them promise.

Yesterday G. M. Bosworth and R. Marpole, who are in the city, notified the president of the board of trade that the E. & N. would give a double service the year round, thus availing themselves of the standing offer of a mail clerk for the afternoon train.

The post office department took the ground last spring, as the board of trade was notified at the time, that the extra subsidy and mail clerk would not be granted for a few months in the summer only.

**ALPINE CLUB BRANCH.**

Victoria Local Committee was Formed Last Evening.

A local branch of the Alpine Club of Canada was formed in Victoria last evening, when at a meeting in the Alexandra Club the Victoria local committee was organized with W. W. Foster as chairman and Frank Heim as secretary. There will be an executive of six ladies and gentlemen in addition to these two.

A. O. Wheeler, president of the Alpine Club, was present and addressed the meeting on the work of the organization, which was started in Winnipeg in 1906 with sixty members and now has 650 on its roll, with branches in eight of the nine provinces and in other parts of the Empire.

Mr. Wheeler stated that in Strathcona Park alone there are several mountains of 6,000 feet and over challenging the attention of the members of the club, and it would be for the local branch to explore and make known to the world the possibilities of these and the other peaks of the Island.

The branch will meet again on the third Tuesday of next month, January 16, when a draft of rules for the local committee will be presented.

**THE GREAT HOME ENTERTAINER**

The sale of Grand Trunk Pacific and provincial lands in the townsite of Hazelton continued in the A. O. U. W. hall yesterday afternoon and again for two hours in the evening, at the close the auctioneer, Herbert Cuthbert, having disposed of a large proportion of the business section of the townsite, there was a somewhat larger attendance at times during the bidding was brisk, especially for the more favorably placed lots such as corners on what will be the main thoroughfare of

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**FINAL MEETING.**

Last Session of Trades and Labor Council in Present Labor Hall

To-night.

To-night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will in all probability be the last one held in the premises at the corner of Douglas and Johnson streets, which for ten years has been known as Labor hall, and has for a long time been the regular rendezvous of working men in the city.

Ten years ago the council took the question into consideration and as a result obtained from R. Porter & Sons a lease for five years on the entire flat, consisting of four rooms. The trustees signing the lease on behalf of the council were: Geo. Leonard, J. D. McNeil, L. Long, Thos. Masters, D. L. Kelly and J. Long. At the end of the first five years the lease was renewed, those signing trustees on behalf of the council being A. Johnson and C. Sivertz. The council have taken the place known as Gospel hall, Pandora avenue, and will make it the headquarters of the labor movement for a time at least.

**ORPHANS' HOME MANAGERS.**

Charles Hayward is Again Elected President—Ladies' Committee.

The managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home elected at the recent annual meeting of the home held their statutory meeting yesterday afternoon in the city hall for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Charles Hayward was again chosen as president by the unanimous voice of the meeting. A. J. W. Bridgman was re-appointed treasurer and William Scowcroft secretary.

Standing committees are: Finance, J. H. Lawson, A. J. W. Bridgman, R. Wulferden; repairs, Charles Hayward, H. Dallas Helmsken, K.C. Lawrence, Goodacre.

The ladies' committee, which is responsible for the oversight of the internal management of the home, was chosen as follows and will meet shortly to appoint their own officers: Mrs. E. L. Cockenour, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. A. Toller and Miss J. Toimie, representing the Anglican churches; Mrs. William Andrews, Mrs. Few, Mrs. D. P. Pickard and Mrs. G. Sherwood, representing the Baptist churches; Miss Metcalf, Mrs. William Scowcroft, Mrs. D. Sprague and Mrs. A. Vigilius, representing the Congregational church; Mrs. A. Stewart, Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, Mrs. N. Shakespear and Mrs. John Tesague, representing the Methodist churches; Mrs. Wm. Dalby, Mrs. Wm. Munslie, representing the Presbyterian churches; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. K. Huckell, Mrs. J. Langley and Mrs. G. A. McTavish, representing the Reformed Episcopal church.

The presentation was undoubtedly one of the very best of the opera ever made here, and the delight of the large audience was demonstrated time and again throughout the performance, even breaking in with a pardonable spontaneity on the closing strains of the orchestra in the familiar arias.

Signorita Alvina makes an ideal Marguerite, and is a singing-actress of great ability. The pleasure those who expected to hear her Cho-Cho-San in "Madame Butterfly" the evening before missed, fell to the lot of last night's house, she taking the role in place of Signorita Ida Fassio, who replaced her in the Puccini opera. From the moment she came on the stage in her maidenly dignity and sensitiveness, showing mingled surprise and pleasure at the attentions of the youthful Faust and singing the "Je ne suis ni demoiselle ni belle"—the Italian words she actually sang are not at the tip of the pen—she had the hearts of her hearers with her. She catches all the compelling music Gounod has written for the part, and accompanies it all through with an acting intelligence that is still too rare in prima donnas. There is the revery of the absorbed maiden in eye and mien, the natural pleasure of the girl in the "Jewel Song," the wistful and bewildered ghost of her former self, where she makes answer to the mocking Mephistopheles in the scene before the church, her sobbing grief when her brother dies after cursing her, followed by the death of reason and the groping among the memories of the melodies of the garden which mark the final scene in the prison. With a soprano of great clearness, purity and sweetness, she sang all the lovely music of the part, and was repeatedly called back.

Signorita Alvina is a tenor of exceptional gift and his rendition of the music of Faust was most praiseworthy. He is of romantic presence and after the change from age to youth, made with a celerity and conviction not all Faustus have the habit of, he was the gay gallant that one feels he should be to capture the fancy of Marguerite as he does. In the "Salut Demeure" and in the duets with Marguerite in the garden his voice gave to the music all the glamor of poetry and romance, youth and passion.

The Mephistopheles of Sabellico is neither the heroic, the mocking philosopher nor yet the melancholy fallen angel of some interpretations, but rather the active malignant agency, fit to the planning and inspiring of every sort of mischief and equally fit to the gloating in it. His guffaw in the serenade is not only indicative of devilish glee but has a savage menace in it. For this number he was twice recalled.

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**HOCKEY CLUB DANCE.**

The Best of Everything Provided—Game With 72nd Highlanders Saturday.

To-morrow evening the annual dance of the Victoria Grass Hockey Club will be held in the A.O.U.W. hall. The finest music available has been secured, the floor has been carefully prepared and everything points to a most enjoyable evening. The hall has been prettily decorated by the committee in charge of the arrangements. Refreshments will be served.

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the coming city at the junction of the Skeena and the Bulkley rivers.

The prices realized ranged from \$25, for inside lots on streets back some distance from the railway line through the centre of the town, to \$1,700 for well-placed corner lots, Morrice and Omicene streets, Field Boulevard and the other main streets close to the station grounds were the favorites with the purchasers, naturally, and \$1,500, \$1,600 and \$1,700 were paid for the choice lots in these locations.

The prices obtained are, on the whole, considered very fair when everything is taken into account. The season of the year is hardly a good one to hold such a sale and this was seen in the fact that there was not the attendance which might have been expected at the sale of lots in such an important G. T. P. divisional point. However, the sale here realized the highest price for a lot, \$1,700, which was paid in at least half a dozen instances.

**"FAUST" SUNG LAST NIGHT.**

Splendid Presentation of Grand Opera by Lombardi Company.

It is evident that "Faust" is a favorite with Signor Lombardi, as on each visit of his operatic artists to the city he puts it on as one of the two or three operas sung by his always competent company. It is ever popular with the public, which is the reason for its oft repetition, and certainly as presented with the Marguerite of Signorita Alvina, the Faust of Salvatore Sciarotti and the imaginative and eloquent Mephistopheles of Angelo Sabellico, in the Victoria theatre last evening, it cannot be heard too often.

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## PATERSON TROPHY FOR ICE LEAGUE

LEUTENANT-GOVERNOR  
WILL PRESENT CUP

Original Design of Victoria  
Arena—Another Postpone-  
ment Until Christmas.

His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Paterson will present a trophy to be known as the "Paterson cup" for competition amongst the Pacific Coast professional ice hockey clubs. This was given out by his honor's secretary yesterday morning. Designs for the cup will be gone ahead with immediately, and rules governing the competition for it will be drawn up.

Ponder on this for one minute, Mr. Logician. If Tommy Dunderrdale goes through the Vancouver ice rink and pronounces it the finest of its kind in the world; then comes to Victoria and says the Victoria arena has got the Terminal City structure beaten forty different ways, how does the local rink compare with the rest of its kind in the world?

The Vancouver rink has it on Victoria's in seating capacity, but there the superiority ends. The rink which Lester Patrick will manage is neater and more convenient in every way than that which Frank has charge of. The seating of the former is arranged according to an original design of the Patrick Bros., and is different from those of any other rink in the world. There can be no crowding whatever. The promenade which runs around the entire building behind the boxes opens into all sections of the seating area, so that anyone so desiring may get up and leave or stretch his legs for a few moments with comparatively no inconvenience to anyone. There are eleven entrances to the building, two at one end, three at the other, including the main entrance, and three on each side. In the Vancouver arena the promenade runs along the ground floor in front of the seats, making it imperative that everyone, unless leaving the rink entirely, keep his seat during a match.

Lester Patrick will not allow anyone but the players in the rink until Monday.

Lester thinks he will have the players on the ice Friday, and says he will work them three times a day. There is nothing doing in that line, according to Walter Small. He is of the opinion that twice a day is enough. The expert from Vancouver arrived in town yesterday to superintend the ice making at the local rink.

The Patrick Bros. were deluged with offers of cups for competition in the league from business firms here and in Vancouver, but would have none of them.

Some day early in January Walter Small, of the ice hockey team, will enter marital bliss.

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## FAIR-SIZED AGENDA FOR N. W. DIRECTORS

1912 Presidency Will Be Big  
Question at Meeting in  
Seattle To-morrow

A fair-sized agenda will face the directors of the Northwestern League when they convene at the annual meeting in Seattle to-morrow. Besides the usual number of routine matters, from which little arguments may be expected to arise from time to time, there are at least a couple of big questions to be answered. One of these is "Who will be the next president of the league?"

The majority of those who have interested themselves in the matter can see only one answer and that is Fielder Jones, but, as there are several other candidates, there is no telling what may happen. One Portus Baxter, President Lindsay's secretary, has been mentioned as a likely man for the job, and now another one bolts out in the person of Bobby Blewett, a Seattle attorney.

The report comes from Portland that Ralph Frary, former Northwest-league umpire, who is in the Rose City, claims that Blewett has the support of both the Seattle and Tacoma clubs. Blewett was formerly a major league star pitcher.

He has asked Frary to use all the influence the old-time favorite umpire has in his behalf.

"That I'm mighty glad to do," said Frary. "Bobby is the salt of the earth personally, and besides there isn't a more capable baseball man to be found loose anywhere. I like Fielder Jones, too, and there's nothing against Jones in my attitude towards Blewett. They're both good men for the position, and the affairs of the Northwestern League would be safe in the hands of either."

The Blewett candidacy would appear to be coming a bit late, unless D. E. Dugdale and the coast crowd are trying to double-cross Jones and the Portland people. Dug stopped off in Portland on his way north from California and, with Judge McCredie, visiting Jones, urged him to take the job and obtained his promise on the condition that the Coast League allow Portland to operate a Northwestern League club again. That permission the Coast League gave. If Dugdale backs out on his word now he's queerer himself for all time with some of the biggest baseball men in the business. Dug is the only man that can now prevent Jones becoming president. No question what at least four of the other clubs would wish Blewett used to pitch for Tacoma and is very popular there, and maybe Shreeder would rather have him than Jones.

Altogether there are chances of a pretty sultry time in the council chamber to-morrow, but, of course, there is no telling. Things may pass off without a hitch.

The question of how many clubs the league will contain next season may receive some attention, but at the best it won't be much. It is a hundred chances to one that the same six towns will be on the circuit in 1912.

Manager Wattelet, of the Islanders, left for Seattle yesterday. He planned to spend the spare day in Seattle looking after business directly connected with the local club and conferring with Dugdale about next season's schedule. It will be remembered that Victoria is to play some of her home games in Seattle in 1912.

The Victoria West football club will hold a meeting to-morrow in the club rooms, when the team will be picked for the game against the Wards Saturday. The Wests fully expect to put a crimp in the blue and white's chances for the championship.

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## HOLDOUT SEASON

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Baseball Players All Over the  
Country Asking for Addi-  
tions in Pay Envelope

Detroit, Dec. 20.—The season for holdouts has started. The athletes who make a living by playing baseball are asking for additions in their pay envelopes next year, and the owners of the club are refusing them, and the usual "I'm through with the game" statements are issued, north, east, west and south, wherever the disappointed athlete may reside.

The large number of disputes over salary matters in baseball never become public. Those that are published come from the players; the owners do not care to tell about them. Every club in the country has its arguments over the salary question just as every business house has, and they are always settled.

Yean Gregg, the phenomenal left-handed pitcher of the coast; Grover Cleveland of the Phils, whom the Philadelphia Nationals se-

cured for \$500, and who proved the biggest pitching sensation of the year; big Ed. Sweeney, the tall and muscular backstop of the New York Highlanders; they are among the holdouts already announced. There will be others, for the season is just starting.

National League Moguls look upon Gregg's demands as a joke. This is not his first dispute with the Cleveland club over salary. He had a few before this. What he wants for pitching for Cleveland in 1912 is \$5,000. Several club owners in the National League, when they heard of Gregg's demands, laughed.

In the National League there are but five players outside the managers, who are getting \$5,000 or more a season. They are: Christy Mathewson, of the New York Giants, whose salary is said to be \$8,000 a year, and who gets the top figure paid a National League player. He will get the same amount next season.

Hans Wagner, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, gets probably \$1,000 less than Mathewson. He again led the National League in hitting this year, and probably will sign for the same figure next season.

Mordecai Brown, the veteran member of the Cubs' pitching staff, is paid about \$4,000 a year. His work last season will allow him to demand an equal salary figure in 1912. Sherwood Magee, of the Phils, one of the best hitters in the game,

pulls down \$5,000 a season. He will demand and undoubtedly receive the same salary next year.

Tommy Leach, of the Pirates, got \$5,000 last year, but all he hit in 1912 games was 223, and his salary will be cut by Barney Dreyfuss.

Only four clubs in the National League are paying as much as \$5,000 to any one ball player. Take the Cincinnati Reds, for instance—the highest salaried man in the team is Larry McLean, the giant backstop. Besides being one of the best catchers in that league, McLean is a great slugger. But all he gets is \$4,500.

### MAY AFFECT THE ARMY.

Suppression of Racetrack Gambling Threatens Supply of Army Mounts.

Washington, Dec. 20.—In their zeal to suppress racetrack gambling, the legislatures of the various states have seriously threatened the supply of proper mounts for the army, according to Major-General Wood, chief of staff, who has called the attention of congress to the subject. General Wood says that thoroughbred studs are being shipped out of the country in such numbers as to assume the magnitude of a calamity. While other countries are spending immense sums of money in importing stock, many of America's most renowned breeders have sold out entirely, shipped abroad, or are gradually reducing their establishments.

### M. C. C. HOPES SHATTERED.

With but Two Wickets in Hand They Have to Make 175 Runs.

London, Dec. 20.—Whatever remaining hopes the M. C. C. eleven might have had of snatching victory in the

first test match at Sydney, N. S. W., were shattered yesterday when on their second attempt eight of the Englishmen's wickets fell for 263, top scores being Gunn 62, and Hearn 43. Today with but two wickets in hand the task of making 175 runs.

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## ELEVEN MILLIONS FOR COAL MINES

### SIR DONALD MANN GOES OUT HUNTING

R. T. Elliott Recompenses Men  
Who Acted Squarely With  
\$100,000 From Commission

That eleven million dollars was the price paid for the Dunsuir mines at Westport by Sir William Mackenzie, and of this sum Hon. James Dunsuir received \$100,000, the balance of \$10,900,000 being put up in commissions. This was given in evidence in the Supreme court in connection with the suit for commission, now being heard by Mr. Justice Clement, brought by Reginald C. Brown against Dr. Munro and associates of Vancouver.

The interview at which Sir Donald Mann was present was detailed by Dr. Munro, who was called to give evidence for the defence. According to Munro's impressions there was a general silence when Mann entered the room, and silence remained supreme for the space of ten minutes. He lit a cigar and smoked it and sat there and did not say a word. He then obtained the option from R. N. Ferguson, who had been sent for from Victoria, and having read it said it was the same as the one he had seen in Victoria. Sir Donald then paused for some time and then threw the bombshell, which scattered the hopes of sharing in the \$10,000,000 commission, into the assembled operators.

"I'll buy the property if you can deliver it," he said, "but it was sold in Victoria to an eastern capitalist a couple of days ago." Sir Donald having acquainted the brokers of the true state of affairs then left with the intention that if they could get him the coal mines he would buy them. "He appeared to be on a hunting expedition," said the witness. Sir Donald did not offer the information that his part-

ner Sir William Mackenzie had bought the mines. Mr. Bodwell had Dr. Munro under cross examination for the best part of the afternoon and for a considerable time this morning and brought out some facts in connection with the deal that occurred after the meeting with Sir Donald Mann. Dr. Munro advised Ferguson to return to Victoria and see R. T. Elliott, with whom Mr. Ferguson later made an arrangement that he and his partner, Z. M. Hamilton, who had gone east to see J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan, were to collect \$100,000 when the deal was put through. Of this sum Dr. Munro got \$27,500. He heard from Mr. Ferguson of the \$100,000 settlement with Mr. Elliott about the 17th January, 1910, and on the 24th wrote the plaintiff, Brown, at Portland that Ferguson and Hamilton were down and out on the deal.

His reason for not notifying Brown of the commission, arrangement of \$100,000, he said, was that he had heard G. B. French was interested with Ferguson and Hamilton and that French would probably claim the whole of the \$100,000. He, however, admitted having wired Ferguson in Victoria that he expected to get \$50,000 as his share of the amount. Mr. Bodwell asked the witness why he did not tell Brown of the arrangement and why he did not write him that he expected French would claim the whole, instead of telling Brown that Ferguson and Hamilton were down and out. The witness replied that it did not occur to him to do so.

In another letter written to Brown, Dr. Munro mentioned that they had no legal redress for "Mr. Elliott's double play."

It T. Elliott, solicitor, who was called to give evidence before Dr. Munro, said that he carried on negotiations with Z. M. Hamilton giving him authority to sell the collieries and requiring action in sixty days and a payment of \$100,000. The information that the mines were for sale then became public property through some means and he simply had to let go, so he assigned his interest to Sir William Mackenzie, who sold the property in England. There was not exactly a commission arrangement between himself and Mr. Dunsuir, as the Dunsuir family had been used for commission before, and Mr. Dunsuir did not like commissions. The arrangement was that the money as it came in was to be divided ten to one, the ten going to Mr. Dunsuir and the one to Mr. Elliott. As Hamilton, French and Ferguson had played squarely with him he looked after them. He could not exactly define in what sense he paid these people. It was not exactly commission; they had been fair with him and he looked after them.

Dr. Munro said Z. M. Hamilton had seen him in Vancouver and told him he had an option. Dr. Munro and his friends financed Hamilton east, where he was to place the matter before J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan. Hamilton also asked the witness to put some one in touch with the property if possible, and he mentioned it to Brown but did not discuss commission until the Sunday morning. A splitting of the profit was never mentioned. He never had authority to dispose of the property and never told Brown he had. He, however, sent to Victoria to get Ferguson over and had the meetings at his house. He also introduced Sir Donald Mann to the other visitors, gave him a cigar, and after Sir Donald had smoked it the witness was surprised to hear that \$100,000 had been paid on the property the day before. Sir Donald did not say who had paid it and they did not ask him.

Robt. N. Ferguson, of R. N. Ferguson & Company, investment brokers, Pemberton block, gave an account of the meeting in Dr. Munro's house on the Sunday morning which he attended at the request of Dr. Munro. While the option he held was for \$11,000,000, and while Sir Donald Mann was absent, not having been brought to the house at that time, the assembled vendors of the coal mines discussed what price they should ask Sir Donald when he arrived. Some of them suggested they ought to get twelve or thirteen million dollars and make a profit over and above the commission, but the plaintiff in the present action had previously told his relative that the price was \$11,000,000. Ferguson said that when sent for he did not know what they wanted but he did not think they would sell the property. He came back to Victoria and made the arrangement with Mr. Elliott. Munro got \$27,500 of that money.

Alfred D. Jones, partner of the plaintiff, corroborated the latter regarding some commission conversations with Dr. Munro which Dr. Munro denied. He said he was with Brown to discuss commission with Munro because he knew if there was no witness they might easily get "done up."

### ROSSLAND CARNIVAL.

Roseland, Dec. 19.—The preparations for Rossland's great winter carnival took another step forward when the executive committee held a formal but busy session. The date for the event was fixed for February 6 to 10 inclusive, and this will give a masquerade on the opening night and four full days of ice and snow sports.

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## SOOKE LAKE TENDER LET TO WESTHOLME CO.

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In accordance with expectation at the city council last evening Water Commissioner Raymur recommended the adoption of the tender of the Westholme Lumber company for the Sooke Lake water works, at a cost of \$1,169,720, subject to the passage of the necessary by-law at the next general election in January. This was the lowest tender for the reinforced concrete pipe from Sooke Lake to Humpback reservoir, and rivetted steel pipe from the reservoir to the city.

The consulting engineer reported to the water commissioner as follows: "In response to the advertised call for tenders of the Sooke Water Supply work, eleven were received, nine of them being for the complete work, including all schedules, and two of them being for certain separate schedules, or parts of the work."

"A digest of analysis of the tenders submitted by schedules, as well as for the whole work as submitted by the different tenders, is attached for convenient reference. In compiling this analysis of tenders, no account has been taken of the bids of the several tenders received for alternative number 2 in schedule 'C' for steel rivetted pipe between Sooke Lake and Humpback reservoir, as in all cases the price is largely in excess of that tendered for woodstave pipe or for the reinforced concrete pipe, and therefore it does not appear necessary to give the tenders for rivetted steel pipe for this section further consideration."

"In preparing the analysis of tenders as tabulated, the different alternatives of woodstave or concrete pipe flow line between Sooke Lake and Humpback, and lap-welded, rivetted and lock-bar steel pipe, for the pressure line from Humpback reservoir to Victoria, are shown for each tender submitted on the whole work. No segregation of separate schedules as between different contractors has been made. Although some slight reduction in cost might be obtained if separate schedules of different tenders were combined, the amount would be small, and is not considered sufficient to over-balance the value to the city of having one responsible contractor for the whole of the work."

"As between woodstave pipe and reinforced concrete for the flow line for conveying the water from Sooke Lake to Humpback reservoir, woodstave pipe as tendered on, is the lowest, but the difference does not appear to be sufficient to over-balance the greater cost of reinforced concrete pipe when the question of permanency is given proper consideration."

"Under the above outlined conditions, the tender of the Westholme Lumber Company for the complete work under all schedules, including a reinforced concrete pipe between Sooke Lake and Humpback reservoir, and a rivetted steel pressure pipe line from Humpback reservoir to the city, for the tendered price of \$1,169,720.00 (one million one hundred and sixty-nine thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars), is the lowest, and is, subject to your approval, and if in accordance with the provisions of the specifications under which the tender is submitted, recommended for acceptance."

Ald. Gleason, in moving the adoption of the recommendation, expressed his satisfaction at the proposal, owing to the low price, in that it was a local firm and that part of the pipe line would be of reinforced concrete.

Ald. Bishop seconded, and in doing so congratulated the consulting engineer (Mr. Wayne Meredith) on the manner in which he had managed the specifications and Mr. Raymur in the manner in which he had carried through the negotiations.

The resolution was passed without a division.

### CEDED TO EGYPT.

Government is Taking Possession of Eastern Division of Tripoli.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 20.—The Egyptian government is taking possession of the Solum district, which forms the eastern division of Tripoli. The Solum district borders on Egypt, and was ceded by Turkey to the Egyptian government, at the end of the war, when the definite status of the territory will be determined.

The cession of the Solum district of Barca, the eastern division of Tripoli and its occupation by Egypt, has a significance in connection with the Turkish Italian war. At the beginning of the war it was supposed that Italy desired to appropriate Solum with its important port Akaba, in order to protect the projected naval station at Tobruk, but the Italians were induced to retire and recognize the old frontier. Some experts state that Akaba has the possibilities of a finer naval station than even Bizania, and would deprive Tobruk of much of its strategical value. Hence there is considerable curiosity as to why Turkey ceded Solum to Egypt and what will be its eventual fate.

### KILLED BY TARANTULA.

York, Pa., Dec. 20.—While unloading bananas at the North Central warehouse, Lea Sharp was bitten by a tarantula hidden in the fruit, and died soon afterwards from the poison. Sharp was bitten on the finger. He immediately consulted a physician. The poison, however, had already taken effect and he soon became delirious. He suffered greatly until death. Sharp was employed by a transfer company. The fruit had been shipped here from the West Indies.

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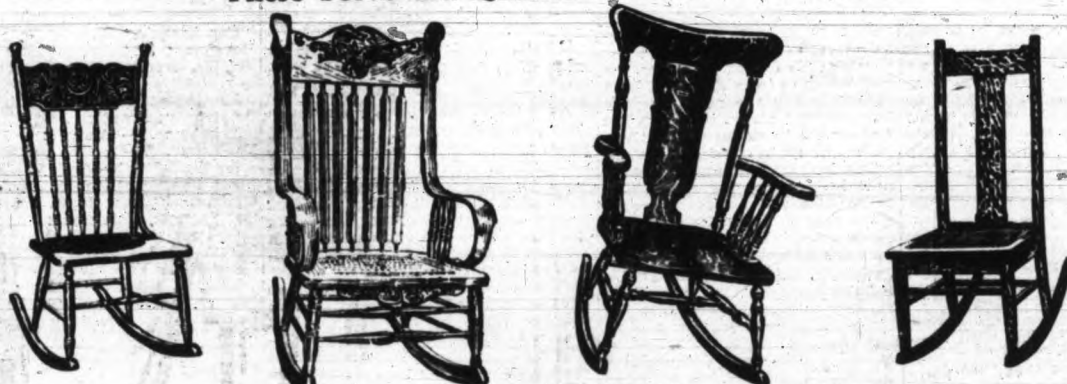
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constructed and they certainly are among the finest steamers afloat. Sea-faring men who visited the new Princess during the day marvelled at the cleanliness of the vessel and would have more easily believed that the steamer had just completed a run from Seattle than from the United Kingdom. Her decks were spotless, the upperworks shone in a coat of white paint and the hull, painted black, did not appear as though it had been battered by heavy storms for work, which was used to cover the exposed fixtures of the ship, had been ripped off during the run up the Straits yesterday afternoon and when she tied up at the docks to-day there was not the slightest sign to show that the vessel had undergone such a trying ordeal as she really did. To Capt. Lindgren and his capable subordinates the credit or bringing the new Princess to Victoria in such a splendid condition belongs.

In yesterday's issue a full description of the Princess Alice was given. All the conveniences for the traveller and to make the sea journey a pleasure instead of a hardship. The chairs and couches are designed for comfort and are the latest that the great upholders of the Old Country have so far devised. She is a regular floating palace and the Princess Adelaide which, since her arrival from the Old Country has held a palm for magnificence, will have to relinquish that title. The open fire place in the observation room, which was proved such a pleasing innovation aboard the Adelaide, is of the latest design and



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#### WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 20, 6 a.m.

Point Grey—Cloudy; wind N. W.; 30.19, 28; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.21, 29; sea smooth.

Tatoosh—Cloudy; wind N. 3 miles; 30.20, 40; sea moderate.

Fuchien—Clear; calm; 30.05, 37; light swell.

Esperanza—Clear; calm; 29.90, 33; heavy swell.

Triangle—Foggy; wind S. E.; 29.47, 29; sea moderate. Spoke Prince Rupert at 10 p.m. off Point's Island northbound; Minnesota at 5 a.m. position at 8 p.m. lat. 50.40 north, long. 134.20 west.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; wind W. strong; 29.94, 38; sea moderate.

Through having broken a cylinder cover when about 120 miles out from this port bound for Yokohama and other Oriental ports the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Awa Maru, Capt. Iriawa, which left the Outer Docks yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, is returning to Seattle to have her defective machinery repaired. The accident occurred shortly before 8 o'clock this morning and the steamship is expected to reach the Sound port about 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

News of the injury to the engines was flashed by wireless from the Maru and picked up by one of the West Coast stations. The return trip to Seattle will consume considerable time as the liner is only able to use one engine. The wireless did not state which of the engines had been put out of commission or as to whether anyone was injured when the cylinder cover broke.

The Awa Maru arrived at the Outer Docks yesterday afternoon about 4.30 o'clock from Seattle and remained here for an hour and a half while about fifty Chinese embarked. She has a full cargo of wheat, flour, cotton and machinery. It is understood that the repairs to the vessel's engines will require considerable time and it is not likely that the liner will get away from the Sound before the end of the week.

During her visits to the Sound the Awa Maru seems to be an unlucky ship for she meets with some kind of misfortune almost every time. On a former visit she struck a submerged log when coming up to the Outer Docks and injured one of her propellers. The steamship was delayed

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 19.

San Francisco, Cal.—Sailed: Siberia, Hongkong; El Tebo, Lobitos; U. S. S. Raleigh, Bremerton; South Coast, Coos Bay.

Las Palmas—Arrived: Ostris, Seattle and San Francisco.

Yokohama.—Arrived: Harlsen, Vancouver.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: M. F. Plant, San Francisco; Col. E. L. Drake, Tacoma; Sailed: M. F. Plant, Tacoma; Luceric, Yokohama; Awa Maru, Yokohama.

Port Said.—Arrived: Proteus, Glasgow for Vancouver.

Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: M. F. Plant, San Francisco; Sailed: Col. E. L. Drake, San Francisco; Springbank, United Kingdom.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Arrived: Bear, Portland; Queen, Puget Sound; Yellowstone, Gray's Harbor; Saginaw, Willapa Harbor. Sailed: Roanoke, Portland; Klamath, Portland; A. B. Johnson, Gray's Harbor.

#### BADLY DAMAGED IN RIVER.

Steamer Casco Run Aground in Columbia—Came Off Under Own Power.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—While going down the Columbia river last night, bound from Prescott for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber, the steamer Casco, Captain Jacobson, got out of the channel and ran into a ledge of rocks off Pillar Rock about twelve miles above Astoria, damaging the hull to such an extent that water poured in at the rate of 18 inches an hour.

Under her own power the Casco left for the river for Portland early to-day to undergo repairs. She will be placed on the drydock this afternoon. The Casco was in charge of a river pilot when the accident occurred.

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From left to right, sitting—Chief Officer J. Duck, Capt. Lindgren and Second Officer W. Palmer. Third Officer W. H. Baker is standing.

daylight this morning before obtaining her pratique. She then proceeded to the ocean docks, where Capt. Troup, manager of the service, with James McGowan, embarked and came around to the C. P. R. wharves on her.

As the Princess Alice swung around Laurel Point the whistles of the various steamers in the harbor commenced to shriek, welcoming the new steamer to her home port. Pilot Cox brought the ship up from the quarantine and at the Outer Docks turned her over to Capt. Troup, who guided the vessel into the harbor. Gathered on the docks was a large crowd of spectators, who were desirous of catching a glance at the latest of the Princesses. While differing in several respects from the Adelaide the Alice is almost identically the same. She sits gracefully in the water and has practically the same lines as the older vessel. The same lines as the older vessel. The same lines as the older vessel. The same lines as the older vessel.

the fixtures surrounding it are more artistic than those on the sister ship. In every department the Alice is just a little better than the Adelaide, her dining-room being most elaborate and decorated in beautiful style; the saloons, smoking-room and observation room are furnished with elegance, and the staterooms equipped with all the modern devices which produce the one thing desired by the officials of the C. P. R.—comfort. The promenade deck of the steamer is wide and spacious and the boat deck is clear of all obstacles, which would impede the launching of the life-boats.

Capt. Troup smiles. After he had successfully docked the Princess Alice, making one of the best landings seen here for some time, Capt. Troup smiled when he was asked by a "Times" representative as to his opinion of the steamer. "She is certainly a fine ship," he said. "She is certainly a fine ship."

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## See Our Special Ad. Page 13

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### The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

The day before Christ is quite often a trying day. Here is a suggestion for keeping the little folks out from underfoot while you do some of the last things.

Let them have a Christmas tree for the birds. Give them some scraps of bread, crackers or stale cake, a handful of rice or other cereal, two or three apples and some scraps of worsted or ribbon or colored twine, and let them trim up some small tree in the garden for the birds.

Unless you have tried this before, you would scarcely believe how much interest and amusement the little ones can get out of trimming the tree, tying on the apples and bits of bread and cake, and scattering the cereal at the foot, and then standing back and watching the birds come and eat their Christmas feast.

Besides which, it is a rather pretty custom, don't you think?

Do the littlest ones in your family know what Christmas means? Do they connect anything besides Santa Claus, stockings, chimneys, presents and a big dinner with the twenty-fifth of December?

There are people who want to entirely get rid of Santa Claus, because they think he dehumanizes Christmas. I wouldn't banish the dear old Saint for anything, but I certainly wouldn't let him obscure the One whose day Christmas really is.

It seems to me that, no matter how busy she is, every mother should take time Christmas Eve for the telling of the Old Story to the babies. When she has tucked the little ones in bed, is the time to tell them about that other Babe who had no soft white pillow on which to lay his head, and no cunning little crib to sleep in, but was born in a stable and laid to sleep in a manger.

Let her take down the Book of Books and read that wonderful story through to herself once more in Matthew or Luke, and then let her use her utmost skill as mother-story-teller to make this sweetest of all stories ring sweet and real to childish ears.

No matter how laboriously she may have worked to delight her children with gifts—no matter how well stocked for the Christmas junkets her ladder may be, I think that mother has failed in her Christmas duties who has not found time Christmas Eve to tell the Bethlehem story to her babies.

Of course, the babies are not the only ones who need to be reminded of the meaning of Christmas. Either Christmas Eve, or Christmas morning, I think that in every house the story of the birth of Christ should be read from one of the Gospels, preferably Luke.

Another pretty custom which obtains in several homes I know of, is the reading of selections from Dickens' Christmas Carol on Christmas Eve. In one home, where the mother is a fine reader, several families from the neighborhood gather each year, on Christmas Eve to hear Dickens' immortal Christmas story read aloud before the open fire.

Old folks usually love their home quite dearly enough, without any stimulus, but it is sweet customs like these which are needed to deepen and strengthen the love of home in the restless young hearts.

Do not say that you cannot spare the time for any such unnecessary thing at this busiest of seasons. You cannot afford not to spare it.

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### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

E. Cook of Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city.

Thomas S. Allen of Spokane, has arrived at the Empress hotel.

H. S. Elliott of Toronto, is a recent arrival at the Empress hotel.

E. Glissey of Norwich, Eng., came over from Vancouver yesterday on a brief visit.

R. Grubbe arrived in Victoria yesterday from Nelson, and is staying at the Empress hotel.

Alfred Mosely, C.M.G., is in the city for a few days in the course of a tour of the Dominion.

F. F. Knappen of Vancouver, registered last evening at the Empress hotel from the Terminal City.

F. R. Glover, executive assistant of the B. C. R. R., arrived in the city last evening from Vancouver.

From Comox valley Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Bates are in the city, and are registered at the Empress hotel.

The Baron von Radowski, a German peer, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday on a brief visit to Vancouver Island.

Miss Clarice E. Cameron of this city has been awarded the A. V. C. M. diploma of the Victoria College of Music, London, England, and has been enrolled on the list of associate pianists of that college.

F. H. Shepherd, M. P. for Nanaimo, who is at home for the Christmas season, was in the city yesterday and was among the board of trade members who accompanied Louis Coste around the harbor. While here he saw Capt. Group in regard to the C. P. R. taking over the islands mail service, when it was suggested that the residents of the several points in the Gulf should appoint a committee to meet the officials of the company in order that the best schedule may be arranged.

Hayter Reed, hotel superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned to Vancouver yesterday after a brief

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visit to Victoria. He looked over the plans for the south wing of the Empress hotel, and examined the progress of construction, with which he expressed himself well satisfied. Mrs. Hayter Reed, who has charge of the decorative work, will be on the coast in the spring to arrange the color scheme for the new rooms, which are to be ready for occupation by June 1 next.

The residence of Captain and Mrs. Sears, 337 Hillside avenue, was the scene of a charming wedding which took place Monday night, when Mrs. Sears' brother, Mr. J. R. Phillips, was united in marriage to Miss S. E. Rive, daughter of Mr. John Phillip Rive of "Thorndale," St. Aubins, Jersey, Eng., by the Rev. Mr. Holling. The bride, who was given away by Capt. Sears, looked very attractive in her travelling suit of Alice blue with hat to match, carrying a bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley. The bride-maid, Miss Viva Babbington, wore a pretty suit of brown with green velvet hat trimmed with pink roses, carrying a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. S. Phillips supported the groom. The groom's mother, Mrs. Phillips, of View street, wore black silk trimmed with lace. Mrs. Sears wore a princess gown of black satin. The decorations were in keeping with the season, holly being used extensively in the drawing room. The dining room and table was decorated with white chrysanthemums and ferns. Miss Bryant kindly assisted the hostess in looking after the guests. The presents were numerous and costly, among them being a Morris chair given by the Victoria Gun Club. The wedding was a quiet one, only immediate friends and relatives being present. After supper Mr. and Mrs. Phillips left for Southern California via Vancouver, on their honeymoon trip. Mr. Phillips is the eldest son of the late Ald. Jos. E. Phillips and has spent most of his life in this city, where his friends are legion.

### NEW CAREERS FOR AMBITIOUS WOMEN

Profession of Oratory Promises Open Door for Political Speakers

(Douglas Buchanan in London Standard.)

It has taken woman hundreds of years to discover her natural ability as an orator, in a profession long considered a male monopoly, which today provides woman with scope for exercising her intellectual and lingual powers on a profitable basis.

Several of the political organizations in this country have been quick to realize the possibilities of the lady orator—having once discovered that she was available—and it is abundantly clear that, equipped with knowledge of her subject and the art of voice production, she will draw a larger crowd and evoke far more interest than her male competitor. Anyone who has observed the various political platforms during election time cannot fail to have been struck by the comparatively small audiences gathered round those from which mere man is holding forth whenever a lady speaker is busy in the vicinity.

Woman championing the cause of female suffrage, a missionary of the Women's Branch of the Tariff Reform League, a Primrose dame dealing in popular thrills at the Liberal government, a lady speaker from an anti-Socialist organization replying to a workingman heckler in the crowd—these are all certain to bring around them a considerable gathering. Woman is frequently possessed of great natural eloquence, and enthusiasm is always inspiring. Such a one is extremely effective as a speaker when capable of logical deductions.

That there is a keen demand for the lady orator is proved by the salaries which are paid by the various political bodies to capable women speakers, many of whom are constantly employed. These are ready to take the field at a moment's notice. They are experienced workers, possessing a thorough knowledge of their respective subjects, and able to address with equal facility a drawing-room meeting of a factory audience. The association of the lady orator with a meeting, and considerably more during an election, when it is possible for a woman to earn five or six guineas a week. With another political body the rate of payment ranges at all times from £2 10s. to £5 a week, irrespective of the number of meetings addressed, while travelling and other expenses are also allowed. Among Primrose League dames there are many excellent platform speakers, and a number of these received payment at the rate of a guinea a meeting. As a rule, suffragist bodies do not pay their speakers.

Such organizations offer ample opportunities to the woman who desires to earn her living or add to her income as a public speaker, both as regards remuneration and regularity of employment; while in the case of "missionaries"—i.e., those who address small dinner-hour meetings lasting about half an hour, or conduct talks with the workers—brilliance of rhetoric is practically a negligible quantity. A knowledge of the subject and an ability to present it in a clear, straightforward way is all that is needed.

The powers of successful oratory can be acquired by (1), knowledge of the elementary arts; (2), mastery of the subject; (3), human sympathy. Few people produce their voices naturally, and it is necessary to train and adapt the voice for speaking in a building, or addressing an audience in the open air. To this end it is well for the aspiring orator to take lessons from an elocutionist, who will not only "produce" her voice, but overcome any defects of nervousness or slight defects of speech. Shakespeare remains the most useful medium for imparting declamatory power, and providing an appreciation of sound-values in word and phrase, with a good Anglo-Saxon vocabulary. The voice will quickly take on an added richness and variety of tone-color, and the value of gesture—graceful, restrained, and appropriate—will soon be realized.

The woman who is going to take up speaking as a profession will do well to bear in mind the following rules: (1) Have the points of speech prepared beforehand. (2) Do not address the whole of the audience; speak to an imaginary person. (3) Speak boldly, slowly, and clearly.

Hecklers must never be allowed to draw the speaker from the subject, but all questions should be answered straightforwardly and as promptly as possible. The orator must never lose of temper; that is a fatal thing to do. Courtesy, real sympathy, and a happy, natural humor are most valuable assets. Irrelevant interruptions can be better met by repartee—a weapon that is seldom lacking in the



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### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 20—5 a. m.—The pressure is high over the great portion of the British Pacific slope and low over Alberta and Saskatchewan, while further east a pronounced high pressure area, central over the Lakes region, covers Manitoba and the upper Mississippi valley. Light rain has fallen on the Coast and temperatures are lower. In the prairie provinces fair and cold weather continues.

Forecasts.  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, fair and moderately cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, fair and moderately cold.

Reports at 5 a. m.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, 31; minimum, 29; wind, 2 miles N. W.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, 12 miles W.; weather, part cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 10 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, 6 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, 10 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday:

Temperature.

Highest .....

Lowest .....

Average .....

Rain, .06 inch.

Bright sunshine, 2 hours.

General state of weather, generally cloudy.

TRY A TIMES WANT AD



## BY RAILWAY TRAIN TO PORT ALBERNI FIRST LOCOMOTIVE PULLED OUT TO-DAY

E. & N. Extension Becomes Available When Line West of Cameron Lake is Used

A notable event in the history of railway construction in British Columbia, and particularly in that of Vancouver Island, took place to-day when the first train left the Store street depot at 9 o'clock over the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway with the purpose of proceeding right through to the west coast. This gives the city of Alberni and its newer neighbor, Port Alberni, where the railway terminates, rail communication with the capital and with Nanaimo by the shorter passage across the Gulf of Georgia, and opens a new field for the development of the natural resources of the island.

The picturesque stage road from Nanaimo by way of Cameron Lake, of course, is certain to suffer by the coming of the railway, for which the two cities have been agitating for years, but the advantages of the long drive by road, it is the last 30 miles of the route which is now becoming available for traffic, as communication as far as Cameron Lake has been opened for some time.

The occasion will not partake of an official character, and although it had been arranged that R. M. Marpole's private car would be available for Vice-President Bosworth and his party, it was decided that the occasion would be informal in character. However, advice received in the city state that the residents of the two towns have no intention of letting the occasion pass unnoticed, and will extend an informal reception to the visitors from the city, who will include Ernest McCaffrey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, who has been for a long time an ardent believer in the future of the coming fresh water port of the island. There is plenty of room in the trade of the Orient for all cities, and favorably situated as the west coast terminal is, a large share must fall to it.

The board of trade of the island and the lower mainland will be formally invited to pay a visit to Alberni next spring, when the directors of the E. & N. will entertain them, and proper arrangements made for the visitors to have full opportunity to see the marvellous potentialities of this important section of Vancouver Island. In this connection the following dispatch from Montreal has been received by the Times:

One of the most important events scheduled in the railway world to-day is the opening of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway between Victoria and Alberni, on Vancouver Island. In building this railway the company has provided facilities for the opening of a particularly rich part of Vancouver Island. Not only will this new section of British Columbia be opened to the homeseeker, the miner and the sportsman and tourist, but the transportation facilities which, heretofore, have militated against the settlement of the whole of the west coast of the island will have been removed. Alberni possesses a splendid harbor, large stores of coal, iron, copper, gold, brick, stone, limestone, marble, brick, clay and fire-clay, great water powers, abundance of fish, univalued scenic attractions, plentiful supply of game and a splendid climate. The service which is being inaugurated by the C. P. R. is a tri-weekly one.

## VANCOUVER'S TEAM AGAINST STANFORD

Terminal City Club Picks Fifteen for Big Match—Owen Sawers Captain

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The team Vancouver will put in the field for the first game against Stanford University on Christmas Day was selected last night and with a number of other players, who figure on the reserve list, a hard workout in preparation for the game, will take place at the Horse show building at 6:30 to-morrow night. The team selected was as follows: Fullback, Underhill; three-quarters, Owen Sawers (captain), Russ Johnston, McRoberts and McLeary; halfbacks, Kenning and Smith; forwards, Leggett, Holroyd, R. R. Matthews, McGillan, Murray, Gray, Chaffey and Scott.

The reserves are: Fullback, Bullen; three-quarters, Ross, McMillan, Ellis and McGuigan; halves, Underhill and Luke; forwards, Thomas, Bennett, Durant, Prior, Walsh, Smith, Deykin and Bryant.

The appointment of Owen Sawers as captain has certainly been earned. He has played consistently well and the honor accorded him is fitting recognition of his worth.

### DEFAUDRED BY GYPSIES.

Belleville, Dec. 20.—A gang of gypsies struck this city Friday and for several days reaped a harvest telling fortunes of merchants and clerks. At each place the women required the consultants of the future to give them bills of large denomination to pass over their hands. The women, who were expert palmists and who substituted smaller bills, were rounded up by the police and forced to disgorge. They were fined \$100 and driven out of town.

## LOCAL YACHTSMEN WANT FEW CHANGES

Members Think Proposed Restricted Class for Yachts Insufficient

At a meeting of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club held last evening to discuss the proposed restricted class for international races for 1912, it was unanimously agreed that while in almost every respect the class was suitable there should be one or two changes made in order to fit the boats for all conditions they were likely to encounter in the most strenuous waters. In the rough waters around Victoria more free board would be necessary.

The following is the resolution passed at the meeting: "Resolved, that while in the opinion of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club a very good boat may be designed from the measurements already given for the proposed restricted class for international racing, it is possible that a freak vessel might also be designed and still conform to the wording of the rules; that it is the opinion of this club that a vessel should be designed for this class of racing which will be fit to meet the conditions likely to be encountered in the most strenuous waters of any club in the N.W.Y.R. Association. That in order to overcome these difficulties designers should be appointed from Canada and United States to collaborate and produce a one design class of a good, wholesome type to meet such conditions, and such design to be for a boat whose length over all shall be 35 feet and length on the water line 24 feet.

The club is communicating this opinion to the Royal Vancouver and Seattle yacht clubs. It is hoped that vessels will be built to this restricted class by each club in the association in time for a race to take place for the Alexandra Cup in 1912.

### SPORT NOTES

Bert Lindsay is getting used to it now. He didn't like it at first, at all, at all.

Manager Wattleat has a notion that he may sell Clementson, before many moons have passed.

The veteran Kid Gleason, of Philadelphia, has secured an engagement as coach with the Chicago White Sox. No, it is not our Ed.

Chicago "Knockout" Brown and Fritz Holland, middleweights, will meet in a ten-round bout to-day before the Wheelmen's Club, Oakland, Cal.

A practice of the Victoria Rugby players will be held at Oak Bay, tomorrow afternoon and another one, of course, on Saturday. With Nason and Vincent back and a new man, Williams, showing up like a bear, the three-quarter line should be well fixed. Martin and Gallher are the other two probable men for that division. Rich and Newcombe will form the half-back division, judging by the present outlook, and Ronald and Sholto Gillespie, Heinke, Carstairs and Houston are practically sure of their places in the pack. The other three will be chosen from a number of likely men. Johnson will be in his old position.

### GOLF COMPETITION.

The following competitions will be played on the local golf links around Christmas and New Years days, 1911-1912:

December 25—Men's handicap, singles, open, 18 holes.

December 26—Mixed foursomes, handicap (elected).

January 1—Men's handicap, eletec (singles).

January 2—Men's foursomes, handicap (elected).

Entrance fee \$1 to each event. Post entries received. Last three events open only to members. A prize for the best gross score will be given in No. 1 event.



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# SHOES

## SENIOR AMATEUR SCHEDULE DRAWN

First City Ice Hockey Game on Jan. 15 Between Wards and Bays

At a meeting of the Victoria Amateur Ice Hockey Association, held in the offices of Griffin, Scott & Reynolds, Times building, last evening, the schedule of games for the senior league was drawn up as follows:

Jan. 15—North Ward vs. J. B. A. A.  
Jan. 16—V. W. A. A. vs. Prairie Club  
Jan. 21—Prairie Club vs. North Ward  
Jan. 22—J. B. A. A. vs. V. W. A. A.  
Feb. 5—V. W. A. A. vs. North Ward  
Feb. 12—Prairie Club vs. J. B. A. A.  
Feb. 13—North Ward vs. V. W. A. A.  
Feb. 23—J. B. A. A. vs. Prairie Club  
Feb. 24—V. W. A. A. vs. J. B. A. A.  
March 4—North Ward vs. Prairie Club  
March 11—Prairie Club vs. V.W.A.A.  
March 16—J. B. A. A. vs. North Ward.

The advisability of allowing the intermediates to play this season was discussed, but nothing definite was done. It was suggested by one of the delegates and agreed to by Lester Padgett, who presided at the meeting with his presence, that if the intermediates should be allowed to play they take the ice on the same evenings as the seniors. The matter will be more thoroughly threshed out at a later meeting.

## 'FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS.

Lord Templeton Makes Fast Trip From Newcastle—Report Stormy Passages.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The British barque Lord Templeton arrived Monday night from Newcastle, Australia, with 2,227 tons of coal consigned to J. & A. Brown. She made the run in 56 days, the fastest passage of the year. After discharging the Templeton will proceed to the Sound to load lumber for J. J. Moore & Co. for either Australia or South Africa, getting a rate of 37 shillings 6 pence to Sydney or 61 shillings 3 pence to South Africa.

Hind, Ralph & Co., who have succeeded the Oceanic Steamship Company in the local agency of the Union Line, will open up a passenger office in January at 679 Market street. R. S. L. Morris, a young steamship man who is well known here and in Australia, will be in charge of the agency. The freight department will be located in the office of Hind, Ralph & Co., 310 California street.

On her first visit to this port the recently acquired British liner Tahiti, of the Union Company, will arrive on January 4, and she will be the first vessel to be dispatched under the combined passenger and freight auspices of the new agency.

Slow and stormy passages from the coast of Asia were negotiated by the Norwegian steamer Hercules, Captain Wilhelmson, and the British carrier M. S. Dollar, Capt. Ridley, which have just reached port. The former was 56 days from Taku bar, while the British was 45 days out from Shanghai, both coming via ports of call. The freighter was the worst of the two. For many days she struggled against head gales and the seas were so high and furious at

## Kings and Tobacco



THE late King Edward of England was a very devoted follower of My Lady Nicotine—he loved to smoke dearly.

King George, however, is not nearly so fond of the weed.

It is astonishing how very few kings, times that Capt. Wilhelmson ordered oil bags hung out in order to temper their violence. The decks of the Dollar steamer were also swept by boarding seas and the gale boomed about her. Both steamers brought heavy cargoes of Oriental produce. The Hercules had

have any regard for a pipe, although many of them spend large sums yearly on cigars.

The king of Serbia, however, as well as the German kaiser, seems really to prefer such a smoke, while the czar of the Russias never smokes anything but cigarettes.

The king of Spain also smokes cigarettes almost to excess.

The kings of Italy and Norway very rarely smoke, and when they do it must be a rare cigar indeed.

The king of Greece has a special cigarette made for his own consumption, which is barely a third the size of the common cigarette.

The illustration is of a giant smoking pipe, made in one piece and carved with stirring scenes of Austrian history, which took its designer two years to complete. It is the work of a wood-carver, and its value is placed at \$200.

### Interesting Facts

Tea in China costs from 4 to 10 cents a pound, according to quality.

In the early ages of Greece and Rome piracy was considered an honorable profession.

The tea plant was not known in China until about the fourth century, and did not come into general use until the ninth.

The practice of blessing people when they sneeze is more than two thousand years old. The attendants of the king of Usum, in Africa, snap their fingers whenever he sneezes.

In some parts of Mexico 800 bushels of Indian corn can be grown from a bushel of seed. In New England the yield is less than 100 bushels to one of seed.

Practical gifts for the men at J. N. Harvey, Ltd., Yates Street.

## ANATURE FREAK



NOT very often does one run across such a curious nature freak as this one. The ears of corn pictured were grown on a farm in Illinois. They grew from one stem.

The ears are the same size, 6 1/2 inches long, and each has fourteen rows of grain.

It is expected that the C. P. R. steamer Princess Mary, Capt. Locke, will arrive in port to-morrow from northern British Columbia and Queen Charlotte Island points. She is reported to be bringing south a number of passengers.



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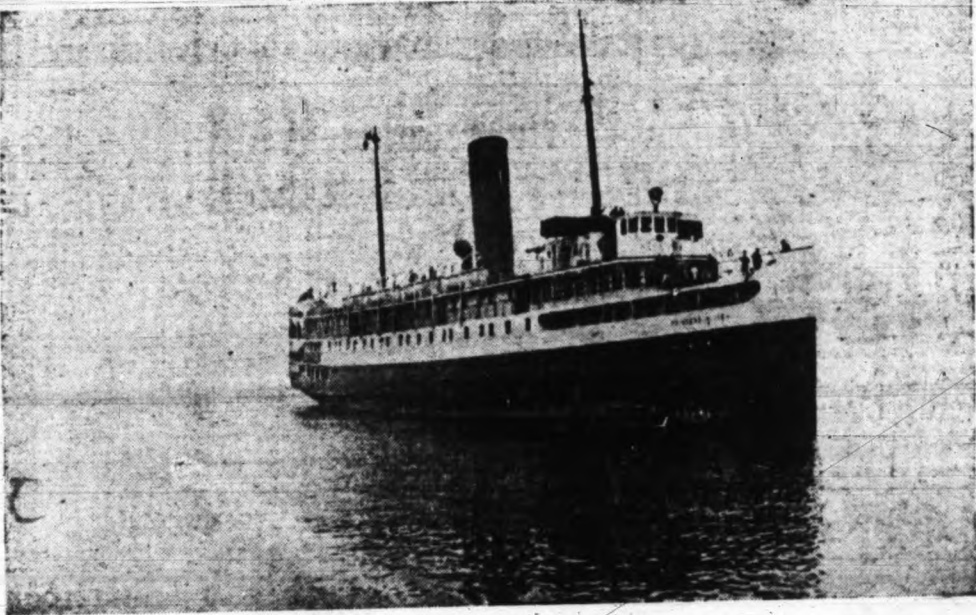
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NEW STEAMER PRINCESS ALICE

This picture was taken as the vessel was approaching the Outer Docks this morning. She appears to be light, which is due to the fact that she has little coal in her bunkers and her water tanks were nearly empty. The distinguishing mark between her and the Adelaide is that she has bulwarks forward on the upper deck, while the older steamer has a railing.

## PRINCESS ALICE ENDS HER VOYAGE

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tainly a magnificent vessel," he said. "Capt. Lindgren tells me that she is a splendid seaboat, having weathered the heavy gales encountered without once showing a sign of faltering. I am well pleased with the new Princess and I have not the slightest doubt that she will prove a popular ship with the people who have the opportunity to travel on her between here and Vancouver. It will be several weeks before she is ready for service as she is to be overhauled at Esquimalt."

## Trip Was Nasty One

Often throughout the run from the Tyne the Alice experienced dirty weather and although at times it was fine, she received some of the worst buffeting a ship of her size ever met. Capt. Lindgren, who has made the trip around the Horn many times, having brought the Adelaide from the Old Country, says she is the finest seaboat he has ever commanded. He says she rides a storm better than the Adelaide and this should be good news to Victorians. Those who have had the fortune to take passage on the Adelaide know that she is an exceedingly steady vessel and weathers a gale without causing her passengers any discomfort and with the Alice a better sea boat than her sister ship it will be easily seen that the new steamer must be staunch, steady and trim.

It was at 4.45 o'clock on the morning of September 22 that the Princess Alice cast off from the docks at Newcastle-on-Tyne. When off the mouth of the Tyne her compasses were adjusted, and no sooner had the vessel taken her bearings and set her course than a dense fog arose. It was necessary for her to creep along the coast cautiously and it was not until late the next day that the ship was abreast of Dover. Splendid weather was encountered during the run down the English Channel but when crossing the Bay of Biscay she struck a heavy northwest gale. The officers say the sea was not extremely rough and that the storm did not last long. From then on until St. Vincent, the first coaling port en route, was reached, the weather continued to hold good.

Hurricane Off St. Vincent. After replenishing her bunkers the

Alice cleared for Montevideo, but had not proceeded far before she met a southeast gale. It continued to increase in violence until it was fairly a hurricane. Mountainous seas swept the steamer from stem to stern and after reducing the speed of her engines from time to time Capt. Lindgren was at last forced to heave to. For twenty-four hours the staunch craft defied the elements and made but sixty miles. During her run across the Atlantic she was assailed continuously by heavy storms and when one day out from Montevideo she again heave to for twelve hours. The vessel pitched and tossed about and the men say they were hanging on with one hand and grasping for something with the other.

It required but two days to load her bunker coal at the Uruguayan port, but owing to the strong gales which were raging outside the Alice was compelled to lie at anchor in the harbor there for six days. When the weather abated somewhat she poked her nose out around the headlands and proceeded south for the Straits of Magellan.

When about to enter those narrow waters a terrific storm sprang up from the southwest. Capt. Lindgren was unable to run into the entrance and had to heave to for eight hours. The tempest tossed ship was dipping her scuppers and tons of water found its way to the vessel's decks. With the subsiding of the storm the Alice en-

tered the straits on November 4 at 12.30 p.m. and several hours later came to an anchor at Stonewall Anchorage for the night. The next day the steamer arrived at Punta Arenas, and after taking on sheep and other provisions proceeded on her journey. Splendid weather was experienced during the run through the straits and on November 7 the Alice passed out into the Pacific. Four days later, when nearing Coronel, the ship ran into a northeast gale, and again she was hove to for six hours. The winds being almost head-on and blowing at a terrific clip, a beam sea striking the ship, it was hazardous driving her at eleven knots, and her master slowed her down. On November 12 the Alice reached the Chilean port, and there she had to remain for four days, owing to the fact that the men employed in coaling ships had just been paid previously to the C. P. R. steamer's arrival. When the men receive their monthly wages at Coronel they refuse to work for a day, and celebrate by getting drunk.

## Short of Coal

The log book of the Alice shows that she had a good run from Coronel to Callao, the weather being fine, and the vessel was able to travel at eleven knots. The Peruvian port was reached on November 23, and on the 27th, after much difficulty, sufficient coal was secured to drive the ship to San Francisco. When but a few days out from Callao, however, it was discovered that the fuel was of the poorest quality, and that a large amount had to be used in order to keep the steam up to working pressure. When abreast of the southernmost point of Southern California the Alice ran into fierce weather and she was hove to for 24 hours. As steam had to be kept up this delay proved costly as the fuel supply was dwindling low. Capt. Lindgren concluded that with the remaining coal he would be unable to reach San Francisco, and decided to put into San Diego. The gale encountered off the California coast was one of the worst of the trip. It was a northeaster and blew nearly 60 miles an hour, with the result that tremendous seas were stirred up. The Alice rolled considerably, and the gigantic combers swept every movable object from her decks. When she reached San Diego she had but 60 tons of coal in her bunkers.

In a day the steamer took on sufficient coal to make the last leg of the

voyage, clearing from the southern port on Thursday of last week. Officials of the company expected that the vessel would arrive here at noon yesterday, but she was delayed owing to the nasty weather off Cape Flattery. On Sunday, when north of the Golden Gate, she met a terrific northwest gale, the worst of the passage. It became necessary to have the vessel heave to and the officers say that on Sunday night they were unable to sleep. As the steamer rolled and pitched the men were bumped against the sides of their bunks. First their heads would crash against the woodwork, then they would slide until their feet touched the other end of the bunk. Some of them were almost thrown out of bed, and one or two of them aboard lashed themselves in. Despite all the dirty weather experienced, the Alice this morning bore no evidence whatever of having been battered about for almost 50 days.

While the officers and men did not have any too good a time afloat, when they touched at their coaling ports they were granted shore leave, and took every advantage of it. They visited all the places of importance, and have interesting yarns to spin regarding their adventures. It was with great difficulty that one of the crew was persuaded from getting married at one of the stopping places. Most of the officers and crew of the ship when they sign off will return to England, although a number have determined to try their luck in this country.

## Officers of Alice

A complete list of the officers who brought the ship around the Horn from England is as follows: Master, Capt. Lindgren, of Vancouver, who has brought many steamers over this route; chief officer, J. Duck, of the Empress of Ireland, who is on his third trip; having come here on the Princess Victoria and Princess Ena; second officer, W. Palmer; third officer, W. H. Baker, of the Empress of Britain, who as an amateur photographer has met with distinguished success; chief engineer, J. Pettifore, of this city, who formerly was in charge of the engine room of the Princess Beatrice, and who was sent from here to the position of chief engineer of the Alice; second officer, J. Davis, of the Empress of Ireland; third engineer, Wm. Jordan, a nephew of Capt. Cox, the local pilot, who served on several local steamers; fourth engineer, W. Stevenson; fifth

engineer, F. Smith, of the Empress of China; sixth engineer, J. Williamson, of Newcastle; wireless operator, E. W. Carmichael; chief steward, F. C. Shepherd, of the Lake Champlain, and second steward, W. Reeves.

When at Callao the British consul of Buenos Ayres, Carnegie Ross, joined the vessel and travelled with her to San Diego. He had been transferred to San Francisco and had made the voyage to Callao by a coasting steamer and signed on the Alice as purser.

## MARINE NOTES

With lumber for Australia the British steamer Queen Elizabeth left Tacoma Monday. The steamer has lumber from Eureka and Tacoma and is under charter to the American Trading Company.

With lumber cargoes the schooner Mindoro left Bellingham Monday for Callao and the barquentine S. G. Wilder left Port Angeles for Suva.

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Capt. Lindgren is directly behind the lifebuoy in the second row, with Chief Officer Duck, with white cap, on his right, and Chief Engineer Pettifore on his left.



## MRS. PANKHURST

## IS IN VICTORIA

NOTED SUFFRAGETTE  
ARRIVED YESTERDAYAnd Was Met by Local Ladies  
With Colors Flying—Lec-  
tures To-night

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, head of the suffragette movement in England, arrived in the city from Vancouver yesterday evening. She was met by a deputation of the Political Equality League and the local members of the W. S. P. U., who carried banners and created considerable amusement among the people who had gathered to meet their friends coming from the boat. One policeman, who had evidently heard of the active services which had been demanded of his professional brethren in the Old Country in connection with the suffragette disturbances, kept a wary eye on the sisterhood, and contemplated the particular Juliet twist which he would exercise in the event of an outbreak. Everything, however, passed off peacefully, nothing more audible than the calling of a bus driver's "Pankhurst Hotel" at intervals coming to remind him of the presence of this dreaded element.

Mrs. Pankhurst, after the few greet-

before men's clubs, and to address club luncheons.

The Canadian tour commenced with Montreal, where, in spite of the wet night, a crowded meeting gathered to hear her, the mayor occupying the chair. At Winnipeg she was invited to tea, at Government House to meet some of the leading ladies of the city, and the Governor and Mrs. Cameron attended the meeting in person the same evening.

"I have had wonderful press notices everywhere," said Mrs. Pankhurst when questioned about the attitude of the newspapers. "I have never received very unfavorable criticisms in the press, and those that I have received I have noticed usually came from people who had not been present at the meetings. In every case the reports of the meetings have been quite sympathetic." To a question as to whether she made a rule of reading the criticisms in the press she replied: "Oh, yes; I always buy the papers the next morning to see the criticisms. Last time I was in America I spent about £20 with a press cutting agency, but found that there was far more than I could read. On my present tour, which is much more extended than my last American one, I have not been supplied by a press cutting agency at all, but have simply purchased the papers."

In talking Mrs. Pankhurst bears out the impression first created on speaking to her—that of a woman with a live interest in her own work, and a keen perception of the relation of the attitude of the outside world to what is of interest to her. It is rather surprising to most people who have not seen her before, but have heard of her wide activities, to find such a young and fresh looking woman rather than the scarred veteran of many wars.

"When I began my tour," continued Mrs. Pankhurst, "I intended to address only a few meetings with long rests between, but the demand has been so great that I have not been

glimpse of the spirit which has made Mrs. Pankhurst such a dauntless fighter through these many years.

Resuming her comments on her American tour, Mrs. Pankhurst said that altogether she was most encouraged with its success. She is particularly interested in the Canadian progress in the movement, as she says that the government naturally watch Canada closely, and moreover, if the women in England get the franchise, it will be a great pity she thinks, if Canada does not share in the advantages which accrue to women there.

"If women had the vote in Canada," said Mrs. Pankhurst, "there would be something like a national law in this country instead of so many different provincial laws."

Mrs. Pankhurst will speak to-night in the Victoria Theatre, when any "Doubting Thomas" may propound his question for her to answer. After the luncheon which is being tendered to her to-morrow by the Political Equality League, the Women's Canadian Club, and the Alexandra Club, she will leave for Seattle, to resume her American tour. She will speak in Helena and Butte (Mont.), and from there will go on to London (Ont.). She will give her final lecture in Carnegie Hall, New York, on the 5th of January. The following day she will sail for England.

## GRANTED SEPARATION.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The petition for a separation from her husband presented in the divorce court by Mme. Langevin was granted to-day. She asked a separation from her husband, a professor of general and experimental physics in the College of France, on account of his alleged relations with Mme. Curie, the famous scientist. The suit caused a great sensation throughout France and was the occasion for several duels between partisans of one or other of the persons principally concerned.

## SCAFFOLD FATALITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—There has been a series of fatal scaffold accidents in this city. Five men have been killed in the past week. There was an accident which cost two lives last evening.

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MRS. EMMELINE PANKHURST  
Celebrated Suffragette now in Victoria.

ings were over, drove at once to the Alexandra Club where she is staying during her visit here. Miss Pethick, who is accompanying Mrs. Pankhurst, was met by Mr. and Mrs. Pethick, and drove with them to their residence on Heywood Avenue where she will remain while in the city. In the evening Mrs. Pankhurst met several people at the Club and chatted in a brisk way until a late hour about the work and the prospects of its success in the different countries where it is being taken up. The movement, she says, to be a thorough success, must be international; she has noticed a great change in the attitude and interest in the United States since she visited there two years ago, and says that now the campaign is being taken up more along the English lines.

Everywhere she went splendid audiences have attended her meetings, and she had not experienced a single hostile demonstration in the course of the forty lectures which she has delivered since arriving on this side of the Atlantic. Her first meeting was held in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she had an enormous audience of interested sympathizers. At Louisville she spoke at three meetings; at Cleveland she had a big meeting; St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati and Philadelphia all greeted her with interested audiences, and in Connecticut she found the number of supporters had grown to such an extent that she had to hold three meetings to absorb the enthusiasts. In both north and south she found her audiences alike interested, and had a curious evidence of the cosmopolitan nature of her hearers. In the diversity of people present. At most of her meetings she has been struck by the number of ministers of different denominations who have always been present. In Omaha she had a very interesting meeting, which was held on Sunday night, and for the occasion she was invited to speak in the First Methodist church; on the platform were a Methodist minister, a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Jewish rabbi. This was on the eve of the London deputation on the 21st. The collection on that evening was sent to England to help on the work there, this making the second Sunday collection which was given for the advancement of the work in England. From Omaha she went to Boston, and the following day addressed the Harvard students. A feature of her present tour has been the number of invitations she has received to speak

able to rest nearly so much as I should have liked. The interest in the movement has grown so much; in some parts of the States, the movement is very much advanced since two years ago, the local suffragettes, working on English lines, having organized in a much better manner.

When asked what she considered one of the distinguishing features of the English organization work and method, Mrs. Pankhurst replied that everywhere the work is being carried forward it is necessary to have open air meetings to reach all classes of people. All the societies, taking up the idea instituted by the Women's Social and Political Union, now have their open air meetings in the warm weather, and find that they are one of the most useful class of meetings which are held. "Men of every class have the vote, and all these men must be reached."

In Scotland, last summer, Mrs. Pankhurst made a tour of the Highlands during her holidays, and in many of the resorts she was asked to speak at drawing-room gatherings. Lady Cochrane and Lady Wemyss both inviting her to their places. At nearly all of these places the gatherings were composed entirely of society people, many of whom became so interested and enthused that they also began circles of meetings along the same lines. Many society ladies in England now give suffragette luncheons, and invite members of parliament, well-known writers, editors, and newspaper men to talk to them. In England the movement is now so thoroughly organized that there are branches which take in nearly every known profession and calling in life, doctors, typists, factory girls, lady doctors, etc., etc.

"The manhood suffrage bill," said Mrs. Pankhurst in answer to a question, "I feel certain was brought in just to damage the certainty of the passing of the Woman Suffrage bill next summer. But it won't succeed! The conciliation bill is certain to pass next year. Mr. Lloyd George tried to spoil the bill by giving wives qualifications on the husband's bill. The only thing which the government had left to prevent our getting our bill passed was the introduction of the manhood suffrage bill. The question will have to be fought out on the bill lines of equal suffrage now," and here a determined look lit up the eyes of the speaker and gave one a

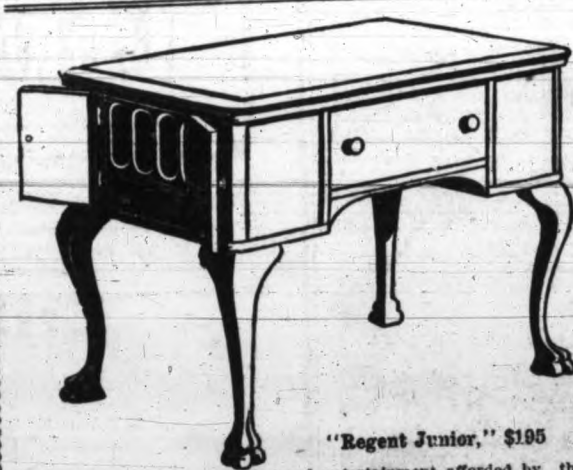
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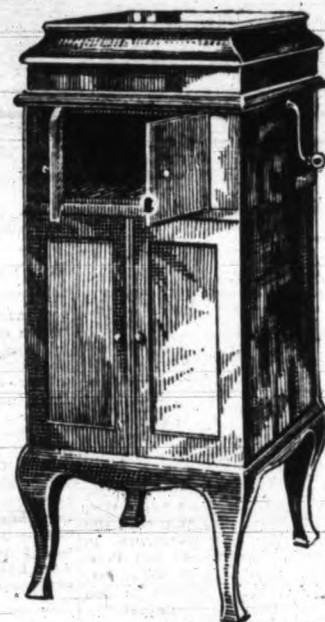


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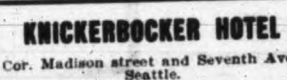
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**UNIVERSITY BOYS****NOW ON VACATION**Splendid Programme Presented  
at Closing Exercises of  
Mt. Tolmie School

The boys of the University school at Mount Tolmie were dismissed for their Christmas vacation yesterday evening, and all throughout the afternoon and evening festivities were the order. Later in the evening the youngsters, bubbling over with mirth and the spirit of their new-found independence, could be heard huzzahing their way through town, some making for the boat and others for their homes in various parts of the city.

School-closings are always pleasant to the children, no matter how brief and formal, but when accompanied by an elaborate programme, such as was carried out at the University school, they serve to bring the older people, parents and friends, within the pale of the children's enjoyment; the holiday spirit pervades everything and for a time everyone is young.

The exercises yesterday afternoon were opened with a short address by Principal Barnacle, who expressed his sincere regret that the warden, Rev. W. W. Bolton, was unable to be present. He hoped, however, that Mr. Bolton would be back in his place next term.

The warden's report, which was read by Principal Harvey, showed that the school had made tremendous progress during the year. The number of pupils had increased from 150 to 185, of which 136 were boarders. A new dormitory, accommodating about 50 boys, and a block of class rooms

sang "Take Care" and "Let the Hills Resound" very acceptably, and an amusing comedy sketch, "Tel on Paris Francs" was staged by seven of the boys. It might be mentioned in this connection that H. Wade, who acted the part of Victor Dubois, a debonaire Frenchman, was very true to life in his delineation of the character. I. Halley, as Major Regulus Ratten, the irascible Englishman, and R. Beech, as Mr. Spriggins, the father of the girl, were also good.

Dr. Gray then addressed the gathering, directing his remarks to the boys particularly and giving them much useful advice on how they should conduct themselves at school and in after life in order to be successful. He was accorded a hearty round of applause.

With the singing of the National Anthem the gathering broke up and the boys hid themselves to the banquet hall, where, it must be admitted, the treat of the day awaited them.

The complete list of prizes: VI.—Form prize, E. Ashcroft; Sutherland Maths prize, E. Ashcroft; Martin French prize, G. B. A. Baker; Mrs. Watt Essay prize, G. B. A. Baker.

V.—Form prize, T. F. W. dePencier; French prize, R. W. Waldon; Maths prize, T. F. W. dePencier.

IV.—Form prize, C. Cave; Maths prize, A. McBride; Warden's Scripture prize, C. Cave; French prize, C. Cave.

III.—Form prize, C. Frampton; Maths prize, C. S. Frampton.

IIA.—Form prize, T. J. Holmes; French prize, G. Richardson; Lennie J. Maths prize, H. Hedley.

IIB.—Form prizes, T. Eyring, J. Jones; Classical prize, H. Jones; Maths prizes, W. Rebeck, A. Williams.

II.—Form prize, E. Richardson; Essay prize, L. Young.

I.—Form prize, O. S. Lovelock.

Boxing prizes—The Warden's Cup for best science, Robia Watt (champion in Class A); class medals, R. Watt, R. H. Winch, C. C. Munro, D. J. Davine and E. D. Scott Allen; cadet corps, Mrs. May's prize for best company office, Capt. Wyld; Mr. Colston's Cup for best N.C.O., Lance Corp. R. Creery; Mrs. Tracey's Cup, second

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**CIVIC CENTRE IS****AGAIN TO FRONT****DIVERSE OPINIONS****ON MERITS OF PLAN**Delay on Completion of Dallas  
Road Seawall Due to Lack  
of Earth for Backfilling

The civic centre scheme came before the council again last evening, when the first reading was given to a by-law to submit a referendum to the ratepayers on the proposal at the next election along the line of the six alternative schemes already set out in the report of the building inspector.

Aldermen Langley and H. M. Fullerton criticized the alternative schemes, the latter saying that the Mayor's proposal was unreasonable and childish. With so many proposals the ratepayers could not arrive at any intelligent decision.

Aldermen O'Neil and Blahop said they should first decide whether the people wanted a new civic centre, or not. The Mayor's plan was ambitious and would lead to confusion.

It appeared that the proposal was only to submit the matter to the property owners, and not to the voters generally, therefore Ald. W. P. Fullerton said it was no referendum at all.

Ald. Langley said a referendum should come first, and then a money by-law for the approval of the property owners. He could not see the sense of public buildings while they needed other much more urgent improvements, such as water and sewerage. The removal of the public court and police would provide sufficient accommodation for the officials for ten years to come.

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had been added to the buildings; and the gymnasium equipment had been made more complete. Perhaps the greatest improvement that had been made, however, was the acquisition of city water. The report of the school physician, Dr. R. L. Fraser, was very satisfactory.

A change has been made in the system of teaching. The sixth form, which was preparing for graduating examinations, had now two masters, with the result that much greater efficiency was being acquired and more work being done. Owing to the fact that the pupils of that class were trying their McGill matriculation, some their R. M. C. examination and others their B. C. Surveyors' examination, it had been difficult in the past to give them all the attention necessary. The staff now included nine teachers.

The boys of the school during the past year had acquitted themselves very creditably in outdoor sports, having, among other prizes, won the Gillespie Shield for cricket in competition with the High School and Collegiate school.

In musketry the school cadet corps had come out second in Canada in the C. R. L. matches, and third in the inter-schools of Canada match. The corps had increased from 96 to 126 during the year.

The two Ross rifles, presented the school by D. M. Rogers, of this city, and F. C. Wade, K.C., of Vancouver, were won by Crawford and Kenneth Creery. Crawford had won the school rifle competition and Creery the inter-school.

The prizes were awarded by the Rev. H. H. Gray, D.D., Oxon, who accompanied each presentation with a few suitable remarks. The glee club

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The Mayor denied that the six choices offered were foolish. It was the duty of the council to leave the matter to the ratepayers. A council had decided in 1908 not to spend more money on the present hall, which lacked proper sanitation, proper lighting and heating. The six proposals were quite clear to everyone. If the scheme was favorably received in January, it would not be till February when the matter would be submitted in the form of a money by-law.

Ald. O'Neil said he would be satisfied if they would add a clause enabling the citizens to say yes or no to the question whether they wanted a city hall or not. Leave was then given to introduce the by-law.

The Pacific Coast Construction Company wrote asking the council to make arrangements to deliver the 4,500 yards of earth required for the back filling of the Dallas road sea wall, saying that without it they were delayed on their contract which was nearly completed, besides endangering the wall, and as they had to complete the balance of the contract by providing the concrete posts of the lamp standards, the steps to the beach, and the public convenience, they hoped to have the earth supplied as soon as possible.

The city engineer reported that the superintendent of construction had arranged with the Canadian Mineral Rubber Co. to put teams on the work.

It appeared that the city had undertaken the back-filling itself, and Ald. Peden objected to the opening up of any streets in James Bay to provide material for Dallas road, such as Niagara or Meville streets. The matter was left to the chairman of the streets committee and city engineer for action.

The tender for the towing of garbage out to sea was left to the health committee to act upon. They recommended the tender of Capt. Gardner, the present

contractor, be accepted, there being reasons advanced against the acceptance of the lowest tender, that of Michael Hare.

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Diplomatic Negotiations Soon to Be Submitted to Parliamentary Committees

It is asserted in quarters that are usually regarded as well informed with a positiveness that does much to carry conviction, that the days of secret treaties which have done so much to lower the standard of national honor is past.

Sir Edward Grey's speech on the negotiations between Great Britain and Germany showed that in King George V. a new type of constitutional sovereign was on the British Throne. It has been the custom in the past for delicate negotiations and treaties with foreign powers to be conducted by the monarch and the Foreign Minister only. Those familiar with the lives and memoirs of illustrious British statesmen will have noticed how rarely the Foreign Minister took his colleagues in the Cabinet into his confidence.

Lord Palmerston's practical dismissal on a memorable occasion was due to his having carried on a private correspondence with foreign sovereigns of whose purport he kept even Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort in ignorance, to say nothing of Lord John Russell who was Prime Minister.

There is no doubt that Lord Granville kept Mr. Gladstone well informed of what was passing on all important issues between Great Britain and other countries, and the same may be said of Lord Salisbury and his chief in the Beaconsfield ministry of which he was Foreign Secretary. After Lord Beaconsfield's death, Lord Salisbury when Premier and leader of the Conservative party was his own Foreign Secretary, and he kept his own counsel and kept it exceedingly well.

Sir Edward Grey, as he clearly showed the other day, kept the leading ministers of the Cabinet representatives of both Lords and Commons thoroughly informed of every development at the different stages of the negotiations.

There can be no doubt, whatever, that the effect of such a course tends to keep the fountain of national honor pure, and when the whole question is carefully considered there is no reason why rulers and statesmen should not apply in their official dealings the same ethics and principles that determine the conduct of the private life of the highest and purest in their ranks. One is sometimes amazed to find the most chivalrous of European monarchs, who pride themselves on being, not merely in the distribution of titles but also in every other respect, the foundations of honor in their dominions, consenting to and even giving their signatures to official transactions which they would regard as distinctly shady in private life.

What has contributed to bring about this unfortunate condition of affairs is that for the last two hundred years there has scarcely been any international treaty between European powers that has not been modified in its most important features, either by secret clauses or else by a subsidiary secret agreement. There have even been a number of instances where two nations have bound themselves by a more or less public treaty of offence and defence against a third, and one or the other has immediately afterwards negotiated a secret agreement with the third, thereby well-nigh nullifying the provisions of the original treaty and breaking faith with its official ally.

Thus, one of the chief sources of the bitterness that is still manifest in Austria to-day against Prince Otto von Bismarck, and which led to Emperor Francis Joseph, the entire Austrian court and the leading statesmen of the Dual Empire to boycott the old Chancellor when he came to Vienna for the wedding of his son Herbert, was the discovery that after having drawn Austria and Italy into the Triple Alliance, admittedly directed against Russia and France, he had made a secret treaty with Russia which could not be regarded in any other light devised against Austria-Hungary. It is only fair to the present German Emperor to state that he was no party to this piece of duplicity, and that his tardy discovery thereof was one of the real reasons of his forcing Prince Bismarck out of the office of Chancellor. It also serves to explain why the Kaiser, despite his occasional indiscretion of speech, has always been so great a favorite at the Court of Vienna.

Popular opinion in Great Britain, in Germany, in France, in Spain and in Italy, as well as in all the other nations of Europe, has been aroused against secret treaties to such a degree of late as to alarm the executives, and it is proposed to put an end thereto by investing the national legislatures, or, rather, the committees appointed by the latter, with the right and responsibility of controlling all treaties.

Great Britain, France, and the United States are working in this direction. They are in future to have a Parliamentary committee of the same kind as the Senate committee on foreign relations at Washington, to which must be submitted for approval every agreement contracted by the head of the state, by the Premier or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the name of the nation, no matter whether the understanding be styled a treaty or by any other name. The Kaiser has within the last two weeks given a voluntary promise to make no arrangement with any foreign power entailing the cession of German colonial territory without the

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sanction of the committee of the federal council on foreign relations, and it is on this understanding alone that the bitter criticisms of the recent treaty with France on the subject of Morocco have been silenced at Berlin. Legislative sanction and ratification have therefore hitherto not been required in England for treaties or international agreements concluded by the sovereign, either directly or through the Foreign Minister. And whereas the latter's colleagues in the Cabinet are responsible to Parliament, he alone according to the terms of the British constitution, is responsible solely to the monarch and acts as the delegate of the latter. King George has consequently been until now by the terms of the British constitution, in sole and absolute control of the foreign policy of the United Kingdom and if he now agrees to refrain from making any treaty or other form of agreement with a foreign power without the approval of a legislative committee, recruited not as in the United States, exclusively from the "Upper House," but from both chambers of Parliament, he is surrendering one of the privileges of the Crown of which his predecessors on the Throne have been most jealous.

Parliament knows to-day, like the people at large both at home and abroad, of the published clauses of the recently renewed treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Japan, which was modified by the former power with the object of assuring to a still greater degree her friendly relations with the United States. But no one, save King George, Sir Edward Grey, his Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and possibly some of the latter's trusted subordinates, is aware of the secret additional clauses to the agreement which are known to exist. In the same way Parliament and the nation have been kept in ignorance of the exact terms of the entente cordiale with France, which is a defensive and offensive alliance. It has just been revealed that Great Britain in 1904 became a party to a secret treaty between France and Spain for the partition between the two latter powers of Morocco, involving the seizure by Spain of the entire northern third of the Moorish Empire, including Tangier—a secret treaty which is about to lead to all sorts of international trouble and to a renewal of the Morocco crisis in a still more disagreeable and acute form.

Were one to go back for a decade or a quarter of a century reviewing the various secret treaties or secret clauses entered into between great nations the effect would be either staggering upon those who would like to believe in the progress of the world in the ethical and moral sense in these periods.

They, at all events, will be glad to learn that France has decided that there shall be no more secret treaties or agreements made by single ministers and reluctant presidents of the republic without the consent of Parliament, or of a committee thereof, as representing the entire nation, the honor of which is thus placed, at stake.—Montreal Herald.

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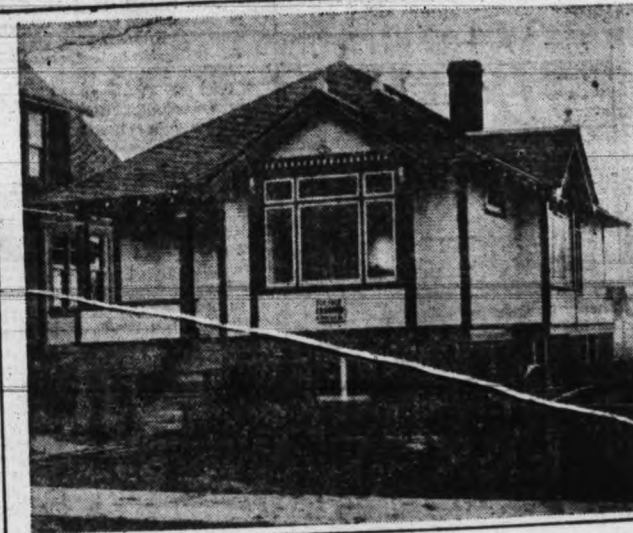
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George Cunningham, of Port Essington, Arouses Envy in Breasts of Zoologists

The arrival in town a day or so ago of R. G. Cunningham, of Hazelton and Port Essington, with the skins of two of that rare species of bear, the Ursus Kermodei, has aroused much interest and no little envy amongst local zoologists. The animals, whose skins Mr. Cunningham has in his possession, were shot by an old Indian near Kit-sun-kalum, and their pelts were being eagerly sought after by at least one enthusiastic collector in Victoria.

It will be remembered that the first inkling that such an animal as the Ursus Kermodei existed was received in 1906 when William T. Hornaday, a well known zoologist, came across a very strange specimen of bear skin in the possession of J. Boscowitz, a dealer in raw furs. The skin was of a creamy white color and very small. Mr. Boscowitz reported that it had come to him from the Naas River country, and that he had previously received four or five similar skins from the same locality.

Although this skin was small and had been worn by an animal no larger than a grizzly cub one year old, its well-worn teeth indicated that it was a full-grown animal. Believing that the specimen might really represent a new ursine form it was purchased and held for corroborative evidence.

Further evidence regarding the new white bear of British Columbia was slow in coming, but finally the efforts of Francis Kermode, curator of the provincial museum here, were crowned with success in 1905. He secured possession of three skins in a good state of preservation. One of the three bears was shot on Graham Island and the other two on the Kit-mat arm of the Douglas channel, about 15 miles inland from the western shore of Banks Island.

In recognition of his successful efforts the new species was named in honor of Mr. Kermode.

The Ursus Kermodei is a bear of small size, much below the dimensions and weight of the average black bear. In general appearance its skin is paler, like that of a long furred and particularly handsome polar bear. Its color is clear, creamy white with no traces of brown, black or any other dark color.

The ears are very small and the hair upon them is short and rather straight.

The pelage is long, fine, abundant and, in places, of silky softness. The hair grows in tufts and both in quality and manner of growth it distinctly resembles the pelage of the Alaskan brown bears, rather than the shorter, smoothly trimmed coat of the black bear.

The basal half of the pelage is fine, woolly and warm and only the tip of the terminal portion is straightened out to form the rain coat. Only on the forehead, muzzle and lower portions of the limbs does the hair grow short and develop the straight and stiff character that is necessary at those points for the comfort of the animal.

The claws are dull, white, thin and strangely curved, representing about 1/2 degree of a perfect circle, 1 7/8 inches in diameter for the middle front claw. The teeth differ widely from those of the polar bear and indicate relationship to the American black bear.

In the whole course of his investigation Mr. Kermode has heard of only about twenty of this species of bear being shot or captured and, as can easily be imagined, their skins are very valuable. The two Mr. Cunningham has in his possession are in perfect condition.

### THE SMART SET.

The Smart Set for December has a supplement devoted to the recent Horse Show in New York, which is treated in a highly original fashion by a number of writers including Thomas W. Lawson, Wallace Irwin, H. L. Menchen, Gertrude Lynch and George Jean Nathan. Mr. Lawson's treatment of the horse as "The greatest stock in the world" is written in the breezy Wall Street manner that makes his style readily recognizable. It is the first time Mr. Lawson has broken into print in the magazine field for several years. Other writers who contribute to this month's issue include: Molly Elliott Seawell, H. H. Bushford, Marie Louise Van Saanen, Dolf Wyllarde, Kate Trimble Shurber, Thomas Samson Miller, Ellis Parker Butler and Ethel Siegel Small.

Brian Hooker's essay on "The Jemima Hypothesis" presents a new theory to explain many of the incomprehensible points of history and literature. "The Plaint of Eve," by George Sylvester Viereck, is a poem, which may be considered by many readers as another reply to Kipling's recent utterance on women.

Among other features that go to make up this really excellent number of the magazine are a one-act play by Louise Glueck Hule, a prose poem by Walt Mason, some Christmas proverbs by John Kendrick Bangs, and poems by Louis Untermeyer, Louise Driscoll, Clinton Scollard and Wanda Petrukevitch.

Photographs: Oh yes they would just make dandy Xmas presents for my friends. I will phone Foxall and make an appointment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, Oak Bay, have returned from a visit to Montreal, New York and other cities.

William Wilson, Government street, left yesterday afternoon for California, where he will spend the winter, as has been his custom for some years.

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## MRS. JAMES A. AIKMAN DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Wife of Well Known Solicitor Found Dead at Her Home at Noon To-day

The death occurred very suddenly this morning of Mrs. J. A. Aikman at her home on Fort street. The cause of death is given by Dr. J. D. Helmcken, who was called to the house, as cardiac arrest.

Mrs. Aikman, the wife of J. A. Aikman, solicitor, shortly before her death dressed to go out with her children. She went upstairs, and as she was absent some time, her son Clifford went to see how long his mother would be before she came down stairs.

It was the boy who made the discovery that his mother was dead, having found her body in the bathroom of the house.

Neighbors were brought to the house and three doctors were summoned. Dr. Helmcken, Dr. Rileywood and Dr. Holden, but their efforts were of no avail.

Mr. Aikman was summoned from the city immediately and went home at once. He is prostrate with grief at his sudden bereavement. An inquest will determine the cause of death will be held.

The late Mrs. Aikman was a native of Galena, Georgia.

She came to Nanaimo when a child and attended school there. She was married twice, first to the late Mr. Kilpatrick, a highly stable proprietor, who died here about ten years ago. Subsequently she married J. A. Aikman, the well known barrister. Besides her husband she leaves three children—one boy and two girls.

## DEFENCE HEARD IN COAL MINE CLAIM

Deny Making Commission Arrangement With Plaintiff or That They Had Authority

Doctors Munro, Cumming and Brydon-Jack gave evidence for the defence this morning in the Supreme court in the action brought against them by R. C. Brown to recover \$500,000 commission on the sale of the Dunsmuir collieries to Sir William Mackenzie, and maintain that they had not received any authority to sell the property but that they were instructed by Z. M. Hamilton to mention the matter to any person likely to provide the amount for the purchase and to refer all such persons to him.

Mr. Hamilton had decided to take the option he received to present it to J. Hill and J. P. Morgan, and they had gambled \$3,000 expense money on the chance of Mr. Hamilton effecting a sale. They eventually received \$27,500 as their share of the \$100,000 paid by R. T. Elliott. The balance of the amount they supposed went to C. B. French and Hamilton and Ferguson.

They made a claim under their agreement with Mr. Hamilton and understood that the money received was not commission as they had made no sale, but in the light of an indemnity from any proceedings being taken by Mr. French and Mr. Hamilton as the option had not expired.

Their evidence was a denial of any offer of commission to Mr. Brown and a denial that any commission arrangement had been made with him. They remembered him asking for \$250,000 on the Sunday morning before Sir Donald Mann arrived and he had then been referred to Mr. Ferguson who, as far as they knew, made no arrangement with Mr. Brown.

Dr. Brydon-Jack said he knew nothing about the present action until about three weeks ago, although it had been started in June, 1910. The cross-examination of these witnesses brought out evidence similar to that given in their examination in chief and Dr. Brydon-Jack was still on the stand when the court adjourned for lunch.

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## WILL FISH WITH STEAM TRAWLERS

IN HEKATE STRAITS AND OTHER WATERS

Superintendent of Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. to Buy Boats in England

Grier H. Starratt, superintendent of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, has gone to New York en route for England, where he will place orders for a number of steam trawlers to be utilized next spring in Hecate Straits and other northern territorial waters. Mr. Starratt is one of the pioneers of the halibut fishing industry, having been instrumental in organizing the New England Fish Company, of which he was general manager for many years. He will be accompanied to Europe by George H. Collins, general manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, who is now in New York awaiting his arrival.

The company, which is owned exclusively by Canadian capitalists, is building a \$200,000 cold storage plant at Prince Rupert. The plant is located on a site on the harbor and is adjacent to the tracks of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, whence fish will be shipped east on the completion of the line. Meantime the company will next spring ship its catches via Vancouver. The cold storage plant already has a cost of \$200,000 and will have a total storage capacity of 12,000,000 pounds of fish. It will also have large space reserved for public cold storage by the terms of the subsidy granted under the Dominion cold storage act.

The company intends to handle all kinds of edible fish and will also engage in the business of cold curing for which purpose experts will be engaged in Great Britain. The company will have a large fleet of motor boats in commission on the halibut banks, making deliveries daily at the Prince Rupert plant.

A site has also been secured on an island near Prince Rupert for a fertilizer plant which will convert into fertilizer the non-edible varieties of fish caught by the trawlers. The catches are expected to yield daily thousands of tons of material from which various grades of oil will also be extracted. The company's total investment will exceed \$1,000,000 and will employ about 500 men in various occupations connected with the industry.

## STEAM SCHOONER RETURNS TO PORT

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—Owing to the storm, that stripped the decks of loose boards and flooded the engine room the steam coasting schooner Fort Drago, which left for this port to-day after a vain effort to reach Boreka. The seven passengers suffered no other injuries than lost frights. The wife of the captain of the vessel had a narrow escape, however, from being washed overboard. Extensive repairs in the superstructure will be made before putting to sea again.

## RUSSIANS WILL ADVANCE TO-MORROW

Report That Soldiers Will Prevent Treasurer From Performing His Duties

Teheran, Dec. 20.—The resignation of the Persian cabinet to-day was due to the action of parliament in refusing to permit the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general. Members of the ministry who have opposed the course of parliament in retaining Shuster, have been accused of retaining Shuster, have been accused of retaining Shuster.

A dispatch from Kasbin says the Russian troops are preparing to advance on Teheran to-morrow. Mr. Shuster has received a warning that a cordon of the Czar's soldiers will be thrown about his home to prevent him from going to his office and performing his official duties.

## WILL RUSH WORK ON BRIDGE

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Orders have been received at Lapras from the headquarters of Mackenzie & Mann to proceed immediately with the construction of the bridge over the Saskatchewan on the Hudson Bay road. Men are now busy sweeping off the snow from around the piers, preparatory to moving the necessary machinery which is expected to arrive by Christmas from Athabasca Landing.

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## DISTURBED CHURCH AND PAID \$5 FINE

Socialist Leader's Son Made Noise on Street Sunday Night at Victoria West

Evening disturbances by boys on the streets of Victoria West, and particularly the disturbance of the Methodist church service Sunday night last by the shouting and screaming of boys outside, led to the presentation in the city police court this morning of William Oliver, seventeen years of age, a son of the Socialist leader, George Oliver, on a charge of creating a disturbance by screaming.

He was fined \$5 after a lengthy hearing and a cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses by the boy's father. Mr. Oliver also gave evidence, and when the fine was noted asked permission to appeal. Acting Magistrate Prior told the Socialist that he did not have to obtain permission from him.

Mr. Oliver gave evidence as to his boy's general behaviour and of his behaviour on the Sunday night. He affirmed instead of taking the oath by kissing the Bible. Asked for his reason for kissing the Bible for sanitary reasons. There had been one thousand mouths against the book and he did not believe it to be sanitary.

He had heard the boys on the corner shouting about the North Ward football team and had heard a screaming or shouting. Concluding his evidence, he said: "I think there is sufficient evidence before this court—if it is an intelligent court—to show there was nothing wrong." He remarked there was a considerable amount of cunning about the police.

Constable Robinson swore that the boy had screamed and made a noise. He said there had been many complaints of the behaviour of boys flashing lights in the faces of ladies on the street. In answer to Mr. Oliver he admitted having searched the boy while down a side street, but the boy was not under arrest.

The other boy named Semple was similarly charged, but as the constable could not swear he had screamed the charge was dismissed.

John Moss, for obstructing a constable in the execution of his duty, was fined \$20.

## TACOMA BASEBALL TEAM

Has Been Transferred to A. E. Rothmans by President Shreder.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20.—A. E. Rothman, secretary of the Tacoma baseball club, announced to-day that rather than permit Tacoma to be without a ball club, President George M. Shreder had turned the club over to him with a reservation. He declares he will have control and that Shreder will have no interest in the club. Rothman is assuming control without being forced to buy the Tacoma franchise, but he declares that the change will make it as much his organization as if he had paid a fancy price. This action, however, depends upon the final decision of F. H. Knowlton, who has been figuring on leaving the club. Shreder says that he intends to quit baseball if he has to give the club away, but he promised the citizens of Tacoma that the franchise will not be taken from here if he can help it.

Negotiations for the change of ownership have been under way for some time and yesterday afternoon the deal was closed. Whether or not Tacoma will be retained in the league will remain with the directors. Several of the friends of the Walla Walla club, led by Joe Cohn, president of the Spokane club, will be present to urge the inclusion of the Tacoma club; but it is expected that Tacoma will have friends in court as well.

## MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Man in Custody Accused of Having Killed Family Near Portland.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—Nathan B. Harvey, a man of prominence and wealth, living within a short distance of the cabin of Ardenwald, in which four members of the family of William Hill were battered to death with an axe on the night of June 8, and the bodies of Mrs. Hill and her girl afterwards violated, was arrested on Oregon City last night by Sheriff Mass, on evidence obtained by L. L. Levings, a private detective of Portland. The arrest of Harvey is the culmination of almost six months' work on the part of Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah and Sheriff Mass of Clackamas and Levings, who directed the investigation after the first stage. Harvey has been under suspicion. It is said, virtually since the time the horrible tragedy was committed.

The arrest was made late last night by Sheriff Mass, who was accompanied by Levings. Harvey was taken to the jail at Oregon City and incarcerated. He had been "awarded" several times in the last five months, but refused to make any statement and asked that his attorney in Portland be notified. Nothing was given out by

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the authorities last night as to the arrest.

Harvey declared with emphasis to-day he knew nothing of the murder of the Hill family. He is 52 years of age, married and has one daughter growing into womanhood.

## ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Joseph Lanouette, a dangerous lunatic who escaped from Longue Point asylum yesterday morning with a companion, who has since been recaptured, is still at large.

Lanouette, who is an ex-politician, was committed six years ago after making a murderous attack on Recorder Dugois.

## MAY DIE FROM INJURIES.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 20.—Early this morning when his father and mother were out of the house, Carl Simmons, the four-year-old son of J. M. Simmons, residing five miles northeast of Olympia, in some manner set fire to his clothes and before the blaze could be extinguished he was so horribly burned that recovery is impossible.

The lad was playing in the house with another boy about his own age and it is believed he got hold of some matches and kindled a fire in his dress. When he saw the fire he began to run down the county road to where his father was working, and was overtaken by a neighbor, who hurriedly extinguished the flames. The lad's clothing was entirely burned and his body and face were scorched so that he was almost unrecognizable when his parents reached him.

## DIED.

WARNER.—On Tuesday, the 19th inst., at her home, 1114 Alston street, Victoria, West, Mrs. Jane Warner, nee the late Orlando Warner, and dearly beloved mother of Mrs. A. W. Currie.

The funeral will take place on Friday, the 22nd, and will be private.

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WATCH THIS SNAP.—Large lot on Johnson St., close to Quadra. A recent stock, \$1,500 cash, balance arranged. Price \$11,000. R. W. Clark, 8 Mahon Bldg.

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JUST ONE MORE LOT, beautifully treed, on Olympia avenue, Willows beach, near sea and adjoining the famous "Uplands" estate. Only \$150, \$100 cash, balance very easy. Box 451, Times.

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TWO BEAUTIFUL LOTS on Fernwood road, Nos. 19 and 20, blk. 8, this week only at \$1150 each, as owner needs money. 1-3 cash, balance to suit. See Crown Bank. Phone 1650.

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LOT SNAP.—Large, grassy lot on mile circle, \$750, on terms. E. J. Dolan, 518 Government St.

SHOAL BAY.—1 block from the waterfront, lot is 60x115, a new two-room house, with beamed ceilings, plate rail, and paneled with burlap, outbuildings, etc.; house cost \$400, price and terms for quick sale \$1400, cash \$150 and \$20 a month. Dunford & Son, 223 Pemberton Block.

WANTED TO RENT.—First or second story in building within business section of city. Box 522 Times.

\$75.—Choice building lot, Third St., 1-3 cash. Crompton & Barton, 120 Pemberton Block.

EXPERIENCED STENOGRAPHER desires position. State nature of work and salary. Apply Box 256 Times.

TO LET.—A 2-roomed house, fully furnished, including piano and heaters, hot and cold water, electric light, large yard, outbuildings and every convenience. Central. Apply 964 Mason St., City.

TO LET.—A small suite of housekeeping rooms (unfurnished), central and convenient. Apply 964 Mason St., City.

LARGE CORNER—Bay street (Bismarck road) and Prior, for \$1250. This is a money-maker. May & Tiesman.

FAIRFIELD TRADING POST.—Vancouver St., house and lot for \$2500, small cash payment and balance as rent. May & Tiesman, 1203 Langley.

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POINT ALBERT.—Lot on Fourth street, Part Alford, for sale. Terms and particulars to Box 316, Times.

## CARD OF THANKS.

The family of the late Mrs. Ellen Speed desire to thank all those kind friends who offered them comforting words of sympathy and sent floral tributes on the occasion of the death of their respected mother.

## TO REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

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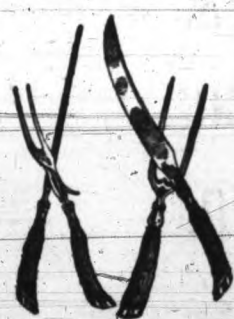
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ther Considered

A compromise may be effected be-  
 tween shorter hours for the sale of  
 liquor and higher license fees. As a  
 result of the debate in the council last  
 night, and on Friday night the matter  
 will again be taken up and dealt with  
 along that line on the basis of what-  
 ever the city solicitor may report as  
 to the legal position.

The question came before the council  
 on a petition signed by 619 electors,  
 members of the Voters' League, pray-  
 ing that the council should submit to  
 the people at the coming elections, in  
 the form of a referendum, a proposal  
 to shorten the hours for the sale of  
 intoxicants very substantially. The  
 proposed hours for opening are from  
 8 in the morning to 6 o'clock in the  
 evening, each week-day except Satur-  
 day, when the hours are proposed to be  
 from 8 o'clock till noon. At the same  
 time there was before the council, pro-  
 posing to raise the fees for licenses to  
 \$1,000 annually, \$200 at each half-year-  
 ly renewal of the licenses, on hotels,  
 saloons, restaurants and holders of  
 bottle licenses.

The board heard a deputation headed  
 by Mrs. Willis Croft, of the W. C. T. U.,  
 which made an earnest plea for the  
 shortening of the hours as a means of  
 reducing the consumption of liquor,  
 short of the ultimate goal of the wiping  
 out of all licenses.

Mayor Morley referred to the diffi-  
 culty in the way at present of compell-  
 ing observance of the closing hours by  
 restaurants, which are permitted to  
 supply liquor with meals under the  
 provincial laws, and he suggested that  
 in the raising of the fees might be  
 found a means of accomplishing the de-  
 sired end in their cases by issuing all  
 licenses subject to the reduced hours.  
 This, he believed, would bring the res-  
 taurants to time if it was within the  
 power of the council to do so. There  
 was no limit to the fee which could be  
 charged for a restaurant license, he  
 reminded the council. He believed the  
 people would prefer shorter hours to  
 higher fees, but if restaurants contin-  
 ued to refuse to observe the hours the  
 council could then raise their fee to any  
 figure thought proper, while making the  
 fee in the other cases the maximum of  
 \$1,000. His worship suggested that the  
 referendum on shorter hours be allow-

ed to go to the voters and the question  
 of fees be held over until the council  
 had a report from the city solicitor as  
 to whether they could legally make a  
 lower fee for those who agreed to ob-  
 serve the shorter hours.

Ald. Humber did not see any need of  
 a referendum, holding that the council  
 could enforce higher fees and shorter  
 hours together if it saw fit.

Ald. Gleason advocated the taking of  
 the opinion of the people by referendum  
 on both questions before the council  
 acted on either or both.

It was decided that the referendum  
 on hours should go to the electors, and  
 that the opinion of the solicitor should  
 be asked as to the legality of setting  
 off shorter hours against higher fees  
 before Friday night.

## PASSING SHOW

Majestic Theatre.

"Beyond the Law" is a story of wild  
 and mountainous scenery, rippling  
 streams, dashing rapids and torren-  
 tious waterfalls, furnishing most pic-  
 turesque settings for a story of the wild  
 mountaineers' conception of law and order,  
 and the preservation of justice.  
 This life portrayal will be one of the  
 features at the Majestic Wednesday  
 and Thursday. Other films are: "The  
 Ghost's Warning," "Choose Love, all  
 Else is Misery." This warning uttered  
 by the ancestor of a count, saves a  
 young American girl from a life-  
 long mistake. "The story is fascinat-  
 ing and scenery superb. "The Mistress  
 of Hacienda del Cerro" is a story of  
 the Hacienda del Cerro in 1852, and  
 the scene is at the boundary of lower  
 and southern California. It is a de-  
 sirable number extremely well acted  
 and staged. "The First Divorce  
 Case" is a detective story. "A Victim  
 of Circumstances" is a Biograph  
 comic.

The Empress Theatre.  
 There is an abundance of variety in  
 the bill at the Empress theatre this  
 week. The headline attraction, Hal,  
 Stephens, is an effective character  
 delineator. His three scenes, Shylock,  
 from "The Merchant of Venice," Rip  
 Van Winkle, an impersonation of the  
 late Joseph Jefferson and Mephisto-  
 philes from Faust, are of a high order.  
 The act is elaborate. The staging is  
 excellently carried out with special  
 scenery and electrical effects. A pur-  
 porting company being carried to take  
 the minor roles and to manage the  
 scenic effects. The canal scene in  
 Venice and the Broken scene from  
 Faust are fine settings.

Miss L. Seliger, daughter of the  
 great cornet virtuoso, the late Adolph  
 Seliger, is another good attraction at  
 the Empress this week. She seems to  
 have inherited her love for the silver  
 tones of the cornet and her playing is  
 a treat. She includes in her reper-  
 toire some national airs and her ren-  
 dering of Every Little Movement from  
 "Madame Sherry" is a gem.

Joseph K. Watson, one of the best  
 known Hebrew comedians, is an added  
 feature of the bill, and he keeps his  
 audience laughing throughout his ef-  
 fecting. Robert and Robert, a man and  
 a dog, are seen in one of the most  
 novel acts produced here. Robert, the  
 large, good-natured, wide-eyed bull-  
 dog, is a canine actor of note. Nellie  
 Luckie and Tom Yeast provide a  
 clever song and dance turn and they  
 dress their act well. Miss Luckie is an  
 attractive little woman and dances  
 nimbly. The Empresscope offers some  
 striking films, notably one showing a  
 series of street scenes in Japan, includ-  
 ing a picture of the famous Gion-Mat-  
 suri festival at Kyoto which tourists  
 flock from near and far to see.

Romano Theatre.

"The Baseball Bug" is one of the new  
 series of Thanhouser "Games of the  
 World." A village clerk is smitten  
 with the baseball craze. He is the best  
 player in the village, and because he  
 occupies that position he thinks he  
 knows all there is to it. In danger of  
 being fired from his work on account  
 of his obsession, he becomes a source  
 of worry to his wife. She remembers  
 a distant cousin who is a great man at  
 the game, and she writes to him for  
 help. He sends a letter, purporting to  
 come from a crack player, and explain-  
 ing that his fame has reached them.  
 He wishes some of his champions could  
 come and learn the game from him.  
 Believing that the letter is genuine the  
 clerk gets the crack men down. There  
 is only one game, after which the vil-  
 lage man goes home and burns all his  
 baseball appliances. He bestows his

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Solax comedy.

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get of current events, drawn from all

parts of the world.

"Compulsory Fatherhood" is a really

comic comedy.

"Betty's Beat," on the same reel, is

another humorous film.

Alderman W. F. Fullerton was will-

ing to see a vote for such purposes out

of general revenue, as perhaps \$5,000,

but the mayor's proposal went too far.

A motion moved by Ald. W. F. Full-

erton that the matter should be refer-

red to the incoming council to make

suggestions to the government, and

falling them taking action, to vote a

sum out of the general revenue, was

then carried.

There was little discussion on a pro-

posal to provide for the levy for chari-

table purposes, as the city will only be

finding by rate what it now pays out

of general revenue, and leave to in-

troduce the measure was given.

GUNPOWDER WORM.

Curious Find in Explosives Which

Wrecked Warship Liberte.

There is a poetic justice in the idea

that gunpowder, the typical vehicle of

death, may become a nursery of life.

Yet it seems that given certain con-

ditions, this may happen. A report

comes from Paris that a gunpowder

worm has just been discovered. It has

a white body, a red head, and the shape

of an earthworm, and it flourishes in

the "F" powder that was the cause of

the explosions on the Liberte and the

Liberte. Since the Liberte disaster, out-

side the powder magazines on French

battleships phials have been fixed con-

taining specimens of the various pow-

ders inside. Since the contents of

these phials are subject to the same

conditions as the rest of the powder

they are taken as an indication of

what is happening inside the maga-

zines. It was in one of these phials

that the gunpowder-worm is reported

to have been found. Whether it could

have had any connection with the ex-

plosion is not yet clear. English man-

ufacturers receive the news with cau-

tion, but are by no means prepared to

deny its possibility. In fact, it seems

possible that both plant and animal life

may be born and nourished in gun-

powder.

"I have never heard of this worm in

my own experience," Mr. Mack, of

Messrs. Eley Brothers, the ammunition

makers, told a London press repre-  
 sentative. "But the question of the changes  
 gunpowder may undergo under vary-  
 ing conditions of heat, humidity, and  
 pressure is full of problems and mys-  
 teries. The various chemical reactions  
 which go on are extraordinarily subtle  
 and complex. With hot climates a kind  
 of rot often sets up in brass cartridges  
 which have nickel bullets. It may be  
 that the junction of the two metals in-  
 duces electricity, which stimulates  
 chemical action. At all events, you get  
 the bullets dropping out, and the brass  
 eaten through and covered with a  
 green deposit. The whole question is  
 now being investigated by a home office  
 commission, which includes represen-  
 tatives of the army, the navy, and the  
 principal makers of gunpowder in this  
 country. The subject is so large that I  
 imagine they will be sitting for another  
 eighteen months, but when their report  
 is published it will be of extreme im-  
 portance.""It is impossible to say what will  
 happen in French powder. The man-  
 ufacture of gunpowder is a government  
 monopoly in France, and not a speck  
 of foreign powder is allowed to enter  
 the country. English gunpowder is the  
 best and the cheapest in the world.  
 The French powder is inferior, and at  
 present there is a strong agitation  
 there for the admission of foreign pow-  
 ders, which has considerable hopes of  
 success. If English powders are allow-  
 ed to enter, it will be a great benefit  
 to French users."

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